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SOUTH DROPS COSTLY POINT

SOUTH Melbourne turned on a classy display in the big Greek derby with arch-rival Heidelberg at the Olympic Village on Sunday, but had to be content with just one point.

It was a result that pleased neither coach.

South's Brian Garvey must have been disappointed that his team surrendered a late goal for the second week in succession, making its finals task that much harder, whilst the Bergers' Miron Bleiberg desperately needed two points to take his team up into third bottom place ahead of Blacktown City.

APIA Leichhardt had done both Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST a big favour by beating Sunshine George Cross but to no avail, and with JUST idle and Blacktown City gaining a golden point at Preston Makedonia's expense, the status quo still prevailed.

Melbourne Croatia's good win over Wollongong City was overshadowed by the loss of George Hannah who was carried off late in the game.

Fortunately Hannah's injury, a

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● Berger captain Bobby Russell's classic tackle robs South's Kimon Taliadoros in the nick of time.

STATE LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

- BOX HILL 0 C'FIELD 3
- JUVE 2 PINES 0
- BULLEEN 0 CROYDON 0
- GULLY 2 SAINTS 2
- FALCONS 5 FAWKNER 0
- M'BYRN'G 0 S'VALE 2
- R'WOOD 0 GATE 6
- T'TOWN 1 N'COTE 1

Schintler Reserve row . . . referee hits out

NSL referee Dennis Voutsinas hit out angrily yesterday (Wednesday) at what he described as media misrepresentation of his decision to call off Sunday's game between Melbourne JUST and Adelaide City at Schintler Reserve.

"I am sick and tired of being maligned and misrepresented by journalists who don't know the true facts," he said.

"I inspected the pitch on the Saturday at 11 am and told officials there that it was unplayable and to do something about it before Sunday morning.

"Adelaide City coach Mr Zoran Matic was in Melbourne on business and Mr David Cooper of the NSL office asked me

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CAN OUR JUNIORS MAKE THE GRADE?

THE failure of our Under/16s to make any sort of impact in the recently concluded World Cup in Scotland raises some interesting and worrying points.

The Australian's Ray Gatt, who travelled to Scotland with the boys, summed it all up in the heading to his story in last Wednesday's issue.

"Face it . . . we're just not good enough," an honest assessment, but quite a change from the reports we read earlier, in which coach Vic Dalgleish airily dismissed the East Germans and Scotland.

I understand that ASF secretary Alan Veney, on his return, seemed surprised that the Scottish national coach, Andy Roxburgh, was alongside his Under/16 coach Craig Brown all through the tournament, and the same was true of the East German camp.

Of course, it was Veney's first overseas trip since he took office, but the naivety of our approach is mind-boggling.

Of course the Scots and the East Germans and the Portuguese (European champions, by the way) take the World Cup seriously enough to involve their national coach . . . but where was ours?

I know he was mopping up the water on his beloved St George pitch.

That's just one of the problems that crop up when you have a part-time national coach.

How can you expect Frank Arok to take any interest in the Under/16 World Cup when he is busy trying to steer St George into the finals and also look after the club as a part-owner?

The ASF is over $1 million in debt, so why waste money sending a team anyway if we aren't prepared to make a professional effort?

We qualified for the third World Under/16 Cup as we have for the first two, by winning Oceania . . . big deal!

What that means in practical terms is running up cricket scores against Mickey Mouse countries who would be happier playing in bare feet and then confronting our only serious opponent, New Zealand.

And since New Zealand soccer is in an even worse state than ours, believe it or not, (it has no national coach now, either) that wasn't too difficult.

But when we arrive in the real soccer world, how different it all is!

As Gatt says in his excellent summary, like their big brothers the Socceroos, our boys aren't in the same league as the boys in the major football powers when it comes down to skill.

We've built a reputation for being strong and being able to spoil the efforts of other sides to play football . . . Wimbledon style, if you like, but when it comes to skill, the others leave us for dead.

That's not to decry our boys in the slightest, they do their best, but they are handicapped from the start, cast in the national mould of haphazard coaching appointments made more on political grounds than on merit.

We bravely try to play our part on the world scene by fielding four national teams, the Socceroos, the Olympic XI, the Youth XI and the Under/16 XI.

But there is no overall chain of command, and as far as I understand the situation, the four coaches don't even communicate with each other!

The proper set up should be that the Under/16 coach is the assistant to the Youth coach, the Youth coach should assist the Olympic coach and the Olympic coach should be the Socceroo coache's right hand man.

It is simple and it is logical, but we don't do it that way.

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HASTIE TRIES HIS LUCK

I mentioned last week that we in Victoria would be interested in the progress of our three boys, Robert Stojevski, Robert Spasevski and Willie Hastie.

In yet another example of the lack of communication that exists between the States and the ASF, our State Federation coach Tim White, assembling the boys for a coaching session with George Best before they went to the national championships in Canberra was completely taken aback when the three didn't return from Scotland in time.

On enquiry he was told by Vic Dalgleish that they had elected to stay behind and he hadn't known about it until they were due to depart from Scotland!

Willie Hastie, like all the Catholic kids in Scotland, has a burning ambition to play for Glasgow Celtic, and offered the chance for a trial in the green and white hoops, he naturally jumped at it.

I sincerely hope that he succeeds, but he might have been better advised to aim a little lower for a start.

That's because Celtic and Rangers have virtually the pick of all the kids in Scotland, which is an awful lot.

They would trial between 300 and 400 boys every close season and very few make the grade.

Ask Alistair Edwards.

The talented West Australian, who was outstanding when he was Hastie's age, tried Rangers and was taken on but after a while realised that under Graham Soonness with his policy of buying success there wasn't the slightest hope of his making the big leap from the reserves to the first team so he came back home.

Now he has settled happily into Sydney Olympic and played a big part in that team's big win over Marconi last Sunday.

Talk about Aussie boys making good overseas and the name of Tony Dorigo inevitably crops up.

Melbourne-born, Adelaide-raised Dorigo has played for and captained the England Under/21 team and will soon be a regular member of Bobby Robson's first team squad.

But Dorio isn't a product of any coaching scheme here, probably luckily for him.

With guidance and help from Justin Fashanu, who was guesting for Adelaide City, Dorigo wrote to every First Division club in England, got an offer from Aston Villa and went into that club's apprentice school.

He stuck it out for 12 months, alone and fighting home-sickness and out of 30 boys he and one other made the grade and was offered a contract.

He hasn't looked back since.

Paul Wade tells me that he saw a youth team player doing exciting things with the ball at a training session and was impressed, until he heard the coach yell out "Stop fannying around and get rid of the ball".

That's what most of our Willie Hasties have to look forward to if they stay in our system.

Juniors are big time in Europe, of course.

Just have a look at the attendance figures for Scotland's matches in the World Cup.

Twenty-eight thousand saw them beat East Germany in the quarter-finals, then there was near pandemonium as the gates had to be locked at Hearts' Tynecastle ground with a 30,000 capacity crowd inside.

And the final at Hampden Park last Saturday attracted 50,000, a crowd that would make any senior Scottish club (bar the big two) green with envy.

It's the same in England too.

The traditional match between the English and Scottish schoolboys always attracts a crowd of around 90,000 at Wembley, and the game is a must for League scouts.

A lad named Michael Thomas was the England captain there not so long ago and Arsenal fans will be grateful that their club snapped him up.

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WILL SUCCESS SPOIL SANDY?

Before this season started most people would have tipped Moorolbark and big-spending Albion to set the pace in the Victorian First Division.

Logic decreed Moorolbark, the club that was third behind Frankston Pines and Altona Gate last year and of course Albion was to be player-coached by Scottish international Ian Wallace.

But not many would give last year's Second Division champion much more than a passing glance, even at outsider's odds.

But at the halfway stage Sandy is looking good and poised to cause an upset.

The question is, can Sandy afford to be promoted?

As Broadmeadows and Oakleigh have learned to their cost and as Frankston Pines is discovering afresh this season, getting into the State League is one thing, staying there is something else.

I saw Sandringham beat Knox City recently and it was obvious to me that it has the potential to win the League.

It beat Knox that day with its overwhelming experience, and idle were players of the calibre of John Yzendoorn, Noel Mitten and Mick McGorian.

Sandy has always been a friendly, homely sort of a club, at times graced by players of national repute like Steve Walker and Jimmy Mackay, can it stay that way, or will success spoil it?

Rumour has it that if it succeeds in getting promoted, it might move to the Sandringham VFA ground, it will be interesting to see what eventuates.

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COACHES IN THE WARS

Three of Melbourne's State league coaches are convalescing from various ailments at the moment.

Frank McAleer who looked right when he should have looked left is out of hospital after suffering a fractured sternum and wishes to thank most sincerely all the people who enquired after his health during his week in hospital.

Green Gully's Willie Vassallo is resting at home and thanking his lucky stars after a head-on collision on Sunday morning.

And Bulleen's Tony Vrzina is out and about on crutches after having an operation for a snapped Achilles tendon.

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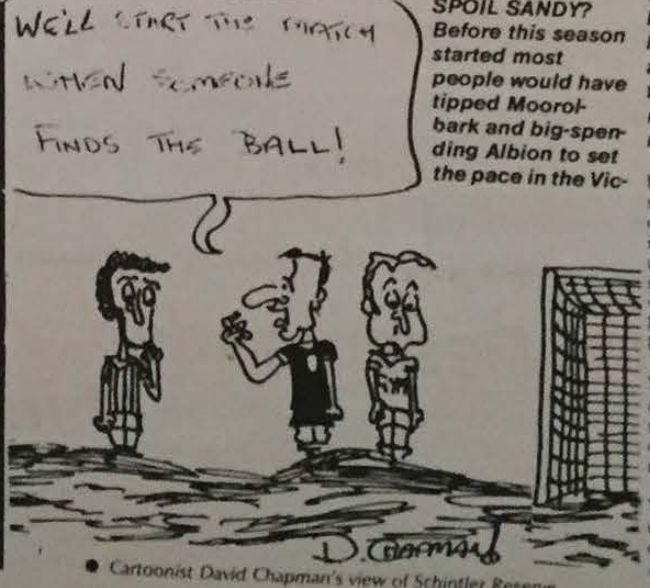

● Cartoonist David Chapman's view of Schintler Reserve.

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NELSON'S COLUMN

WELL here we go with my third column.

Already we have received some feedback through the Soccer Star fax machine which, incidentally, was sold to the Editor by Scott Fraser, the missing Scot.

I asked about Scott at Fawkner last week but "nobody new nuffin"

I did, however, get a chance to meet Andy O'Dell, Willie Raynes and Caulfield City's new English centre forward, Steve Greenwood, also known as the "three amigos".

They all live together in a flat it seems and, from what I can gather, hi-jinks would be the order of the day.

Why only the other day, cook Willie took exception to the fact that Andy was too tired (?) to sample his cuisine and removed one of his eyebrows, even as Andy slept.

Unbelievably Andy confirmed the story by assuring me tha t "Yes he did it, fair dinkum he did".

This little colonial term did not go unnoticed, I can assure you.

Also on hand was Brendan Lakic, now scoring freely for Corio/Geelong in Division Three.

Brendan was pointing out to me that last Saturday's 2-0 win away to Clarinda gave them 11 out of a possible 12 points in the last six games, moving them into second in the table behind Bell Park.

Now I've just received a flash from Brendan to tell me that he banged in two more goals against Hawthorn on Saturday.

He was so thrilled, he couldn't wait till he got home, he rang me on his car-phone!

What's it all about, I ask myself . . . Third Division players with car-phones, whatever next?

Next week, I promise you I'll be looking into what some of our players do for a living . . . Lives of the Rich and Famous won't be in it!

One reader asked if my column would continue to concentrate on State and Metropolitan League players or would I be talking about the big names of the NSL.

Well, there are some big names not in the NSL.

In fact, here is a State League "big name" eleven:

Janakievski, Patiniotis, Palmaraciotti, Della Rocca, Momirovski, theoharous, Minichiello, Kebakovski, Bellegrinos, Deligiannis and Milosevic.

Yes, it's nearly all Greek to me too.

Compare this with another State League select, the "small name" eleven:

Lee, Kral, Ross, May, Weir, Post, Dick, Eres, Lane, Egan, Bonk.

Now which team sheet would you rather fill in?

Whilst we are on the small-name theme, here's something to get you scratching your heads.

Name a team of players who have played full internationals for Scotland since 1946, and whose names contain four or less letters.

The team must consist of a goalkeeper, four defenders, four midfielders and two strikers.

Send your entries to *Soccer Star*, closing date Friday July 7.

The first correct entry opened will win a Mitre soccer ball (autographed by Brendan Lakic?)

I will check this out and report back shortly.

● *Stewart Blair . . . Rosanna coach.*

THE "MARATHON MAN"

I was speaking to that well known striker about town Chris Middlemast last week.

Chris has enjoyed spells at Doveton, Doncaster, Nunawading, South Melbourne (yes, he had a cup of coffee there) and Ringwood, and is now banging them in again for Nunawading.

Chris must be the fittest player I ever played with.

I wouldn't like to say who was the fattest.

Anyway, Chris was telling me about his most recent triathlon.

It was horrible, I was nearly ill just hearing about it.

To start with a 1.5 km swim, then a 85 km bike ride (85 km?) and finish with a 14 km run.

He did all this in 4½ hours.

I feel safe, therefore, in dubbing him the VSF's fittest player and he's a great lad too!

While on the subject of fitness later that same day I bumped into Rob De Marco from Northcote Sports store.

Rob whose business commitments are heavy, now plays in the seconds at Rosanna, currently in the Fourth Division.

Stewie Blair is the player-coach there and it seems that he too, has a candidate for the lean, mean, fighting machine title in Johnny Bird.

Rob was telling me that Johnny is the fastest of their back four "by a street".

● *Brendan Lakic . . . his car-phone's running hot!*

Come to think of it, Stewie Blair must have a good job too, that was some car he was driving as he passed me on the Burwood Highway, wearing his hi-tec sunglasses and looking all tanned and prosperous.

Finally this week, it appears that Pines' Ally Dick is back to his brilliant best, after having endured a couple of injury hit seasons.

His hat-trick against Ringwood last week gives him five for the season, and I wouldn't be surprised to see him at or near, the top of the scoring list by the end of the season.

I hope so anyway.

— ROB NELSON

● *Ally Dick . . . is the 1986 Rothmans and Bill Fleming medallist coming back to his best?*

It's Melbourne for the title

By PAUL WADE

WITH only three rounds to go, plus the postponed games of course, I'm very optimistic that a Melbourne team will carry off the championship.

Melbourne Croatia, Preston Makedonia and South all have the necessary ability and depth to go all the way.

The depth is necessary to overcome the inevitable injuries that come along and Croatia has had more than its share recently.

It looks as if it has lost both Mark Talajic and Con Opasinis for the rest of the season and now the injury jinx has descended on poor George Hannah.

He had only just returned from injury when he was carried off on Sunday. Fortunately his leg is not broken, as was first thought, and the club is awaiting a specialist's report as I write, but it looks as if he, too, will be sidelined until next season.

However, with a squad of 16, Croatia has the depth to overcome these setbacks.

This was brought home to me when I saw Croatia beat Preston recently.

Admittedly, the class and flair wasn't there that day, but the combination of experience with Theo Selemedis, Hannah, Jo Biskic and Milosovic and the youthful enthusiasm of Donnelly, Kelic and Awaritefe set up an entertaining and more importantly, a profitable day, with two points against a formidable opponent, Preston.

The Croatian strike force of Awaritefe and Kelic, while at times lacking direction, always gives you the feeling that it is capable of producing enough magic to turn a game.

So for me if Melbourne Croatia is ever going to go all the way, this is the time.

Preston that day seemed to lack the killer instinct that it had at the start of the season.

With probably the best attacking line-up on paper, it can run so hot one week that it boils, and the next week it is so unsure of itself that the fans are left wondering if they have turned up at the right ground.

One thing is sure, Preston works very hard, which can be half the battle in finals football.

The middle line up is where the biggest problem lay.

Zinni and Markovac are front runners and were, at times, lost in the midfield.

Ian Roodhouse, an out and out defender, and one of the better ones, was also finding the going hard.

All this left George Petrov the only confident midfielder, to try to tie it all together.

Now, however, after several weeks of persistence from Andon Doncevski, all the players are finding their feet.

Surging runs from Andrew Zinni have, in the last few weeks, been the most notable improvement.

Ian Roodhouse occasionally drops back into the more customary position of fullback according to the situation, which allows Jolevski to take a more active part in going forward.

So as you can see, several players can play dual roles depending on the opposition and that, for any coach, is like having 14 players on the park at the same time, which is a great advantage.

South Melbourne is the third chance, and while it may only be an outside chance, it too has players who can improve on last year's finals experience.

South Melbourne this year is finding out how tough it can be to front up this season, having been top dog last season.

Teams now playing South Melbourne realise how good it is, and dearly want to pay it back for last season.

Full credit should go to the boys for showing so much character in fighting back.

A team based on youth and led by the experience of Bruce McLaren and Steve Blair, can also boast one of the coolest and most clinical players in the country, Paul Trimboli.

Paul is one player who has come under some close attention this season from central defenders, and while early in the season he struggled to cope, now seems to be in full control and remains a major hope for south's chances of finals football.

He hasn't done it all on his own though.

Danny Wright and Kimon Taliadoros have been adding that touch of doubt in defenders' minds, not to mention a swag of goals.

With a good blend of class in Petersen, the no nonsense tacking of Mori and the surging runs of Tsolakis and Tassios, South Melbourne can still be a force this season.

With all this talent in Melbourne we could see that championship come back to our city, something that last happened in 1985 with Brunswick Juventus.

NSL DETAILS

Round Twenty-Three Details

APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Hagan 72nd) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0
At Lambert Park, Saturday. Referee D. Townsend.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Webber, Halliday, Radoslavjevic, M. Brown - Ricov, Mason, Bundalo, Ellem - Hagan, Kosmina (R. Brown 70th) Coach Michael Umbakis.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Alevizos, Parton, Waddell, Keosakdies - Latif, Faulkner, Campell, Hasler - Morley, Lewis. Coach John Gardiner.

HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 (Stevenson 65th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Talladoros 41st).
At Olympic Village, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge.
HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver - Kanesoulis, McDowall, Russell, Scott - Stewart, Alagonides (Stevenson 59th), Campbell, Gojevic - Stubbins, Goutzioulis (Ousalkas 84th). Coach Miron Bleiberg.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou - Petersen, Talladoros, Tasios, Tsolakis - Trimboli, Wright. Coach Brian Garvey.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Awaritefe 50th, Adzic 71st) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (o.g. 69th).
At Somers St. Sunday. Referee B. Harwood.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic - Davidson, Valentic, Hannah (inj. Cannell 69th), Jurcic - Biskic, Milosevic, Adzic, Caleta - Kelic, Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.
WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos - Skeen, Vlietstra, Morlando, Hollifield - Ingham, Pontides, Kotamanides (Stelanovski 56th). Crainie - Brodnik, Calbanese. Coach Doug Collins.

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Arambasic 1st) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Tasevski 61st)
At Croatian Sports Centre Sunday, Double-header.
Referee J. Fraser.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Londos - G. Sterrey, L. Sterrey (inj. HT), Reynolds, Maier - Naumov, Odzakov, Gibson, van Blerk - Ferguson, Arambasic. Coach Les Scheinflug.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Roodhouse (Branov 66th), Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski - Petrov, Zinni, Taseski, Markovac (Tasevski 46th) - Smith, Runje. Coach Andon Doncevski.

ST GEORGE 3 (Ollerenshaw 20th, Krslovac 45th, Bingley 62nd) SYDNEY CROATIA 0
At Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday, Double-header.
Referee J. Reeves.
ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, O'Shea, Harper, Grbevski - Ratcliffe, Moffitt, Pottier - Ollerenshaw, Bingley, Krslovic. Coach Frank Arok.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic - Savor, Hunter, Rumora, Jennings - Jones, Rezo, Petkovic - Arnold, Slater, Lamond. Coach Vedran Rozic.

MARCONI 3 (Lowe 40th, 58th, de Jong 2nd) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 (Saad 25th, 75th, 84th, Polak 14th, Barrett 80th)
At Marconi Stadium, Sunday. Referee R. Lorenc.
MARCONI: Hughes - Carter, Calderan, Wheatley, Colucci - Gomez, McCulloch, Katholos, Lowe - Nastevski (Gray 65th), de Jong. Coach Berti Mariani.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier - Barrett, Georgakis, Haniotis, Hooker - Phillips, Edwards, Polak, Lee - Saad (Bernal 70th), Ironside. Coach Eddie Thomson.

MELBOURNE JUST v ADELAIDE CITY — postponed, ground unfit.

Deferred Game

BLACKTOWN CITY 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 (Campbell, pen. 45th)
At Croatian Sports Centre, postponed from May 21.
Referee J. McConnell.
Sent off Northam (B). Cautions Campbell (H), van Blerk (B).
BLACKTOWN CITY: Londos - L. Sterrey, Reynolds, Naumov, G. Sterrey - Odzakov, Gibson (Northam HT), Maier, van Blerk - Ferguson (Arambasic 82nd), McKinna. Coach Les Scheinflug.
HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver - Kanesoulis, Russell, G. McDowall, Scott - Stewart, Alagozides (Stevenson 61st), Campbell, Gojevic - P. McDowall, Goutzioulis (Bordignon 72nd). Coach Miron Bleiberg.

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MARCONI	22	14	4	4	53	23	32
MELB. CROATIA	23	12	5	6	41	28	29
PRES. MAK.	22	10	7	5	27	18	27
ST GEORGE	20	10	5	5	22	18	25
STH. MELB.	23	9	5	9	41	34	23
Sydney Olym.	21	8	7	6	28	22	23
Adelaide C	21	8	7	6	22	18	23
Syd. Croatia	21	8	7	6	18	18	23
APIA Leichh.	21	7	6	8	25	29	20
Wollg.City	23	6	6	11	19	28	18
George C	22	6	4	12	18	28	16
Blackt. C	21	4	7	10	20	37	15
Heidelb. Un	22	6	3	13	17	39	15
Melb. JUST	20	4	5	11	19	30	13

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

MELB. JUST 3 CLIFTON HILL 3
H.BERG UTD. 2 STH. MELB. 0
C'FIELD CITY 1 GEORGE CROSS 3
ALTONA GATE 1 PRESTON 0
CLAYTON 1 MALVERN CITY 8

YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

GEORGE C	16	14	2	0	63	17	30
ALTONA GATE	17	12	2	3	51	18	26
PRESTON	16	10	1	5	60	25	21
H'BERG UTD	16	8	2	6	33	29	18
STH. MELB.	14	7	2	5	49	21	16
MELB. CROATIA	13	6	1	6	24	27	13
CLIFTON HILL	15	5	3	7	19	44	13
C'FIELD CITY	17	5	2	10	29	44	12
MELB JUST	14	4	3	7	23	23	11
MALV. CITY	16	3	2	11	25	73	8
CLAYTON	18	1	2	15	19	74	4

GOALSCORERS

17.Nastevski (Marc)3p)

11.De Jong (Marc)
Kolic (MC)

10.Adzic (MCr,3p)
Trimboli (South)

9.Ollerenshaw (St.G,4p)

8.Awaritefe (MCr)

7.Bingley (St.G)
Brown,R (Ap,1p)
Gray (Marc)
Lowe (Marc)
Markovski (PM,2p)
Postecoglou (South 6p)
Spink (PM)

6.Latif (Gl)
Lewis (Gl)
Talladoros (South)

5.Easthorpe (Woll)
Hagan (Ap)
Ironside (SO)
Kosmina (Ap)
Maxwell (AC)
Mullen (AC
Saad (SO)
Stubbins (Heid)

4.Arambasic (Bl)
Arnold (S.Cr)
Brodnik (Woll)
McCulloch (Mar)
Melka (Ad.C,2p)
Mori (South)
Retre (MJ)
Smith (PM)
Tasios (South)

3.Caleta (MCr)
Colagiuri (Marc)
Crino (MJ)
Dimoski (MC)
Gibson (Black)
Lamond (SCr)
McKinna (Ap)
Lee (SO)
Milosevic (MC)
Palatsides (MJ)
Ricov (Ap)
Seal (SCr)
Slater (SC)
Soper (SO)
Tsolakis (South)
Van Blerk (Bl)
Villani (AC)
Zinni (PM)

2.Biskic (MC)
Cokely (Woll)
Crainie (Woll)
Edwards (SO)
Gomez (Marc)
Hasler (Gl)
Hunter (SC)
Ilic (St.G)
Koczka (St.G)
McGarry (SO)
Morley (Gl)
Murray (Ap)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Radoslavjevic (Ap)
Skeen (Woll)
Slater (S.Cr)
Sterrey.G (Bl)
Stevenson (Heid)
Talaric (MJ)
van Blerk (Bl)
Vidmar.A (Ad.C)
Wright (SM)

1.Barrett (SO)
Bennett (SO)
Bernal (SO)
Calderan (Mar)
Carter (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Davidson (MCr)
Deankovic (MJ)
Denver (Bl)
Ellem (Ap)
Faulkner (Gl)
Flounders (AC)
Foster (SM)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Ingham (SC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee (Bl)
Lazopoulos (MJ)
Lee (SO)
Markovac (PM)
Michell (SM)
Morlando (Woll)
Murphy (MJ)
Naumov (Bl)
Odzakov (Bl)
Opasinis (MC)
Petersen (SM)
Petkovic (Ap)
Phillips (Ap,1p)
Polak (SO)
Raynes (Heid)
Roodhouse (PM)
Savor (SC)
Selemides (MCr)
Stewart (Heid)
Tapai (MJ)
Tasevski (PM)
Theodosopoulos (A
Tradinnick (Heid)
Vial (AC)
Wade (SM)

● Abbas Saad . . . banged in three for Sydney Olympic

NSL REPORTS

Desperate Bergers gain one point

Heidelberg gained another vital point in its desperate fight against relegation by holding high-riding South Melbourne to a 1-1 draw at Olympic Village on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● JEFF OLVER

Heidelberg staged a second-half fightback in a keenly-fought game.

The point from the draw lifts Heidelberg to 15, two points clear of bottom side Melbourne JUST.

But JUST has two matches in hand after its game against Adelaide City was called off.

South Melbourne created three clear-cut chances in the first half, but goalkeepers Jeff G..ver stopped a shot on the turn from Paul Trimboli and a header from Kim Taliadoros.

South scored from the third opportunity, in the 42nd minute, when Taliadoros got on the end of a cross from Angie Postecoglou and hit an angled shot past Olver.

Heidelberg's response was immediate as Steve Gojevic broke through to hit a shot which Bruce McLaren could only get a slight deflection on.

The ball was going in the net but Mike Petersen cleared off the line.

South came close to adding to the score early in the second half when a through pass by Steve Tasios put Danny Wright in the clear on the right side of the box, but Olver made a great save, managing to get a hand to Wright"s hard hit shot to deflect it away for a corner.

Heidelberg stepped up its game from then on and Angie Goutzioulis and John Kanesoulis both came close before the side finally equalised in the 65th minute. Gojevic took a corner kick, Phil Stubbins touched the ball on and Stuart Stevenson tucked the ball away at the far post.

Stevenson had only been on the ground for seven minutes after coming on as a substitute for Ike Alagiozidis.

Heidelberg coach Miron Bleiberg decided to protect the result in the closing five minutes and put on an extra defender, Nick Oulsalkas as substitute for striker Goutzioulis.

Saints leap-frog Sydney Croatia

St George leap-frogged Sydney Croatia on the table when it tore away to a 3-0 win at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.

It was a blow for coach Vedran Rozic to see the points lost, after Sydney

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DEMONS' TOUGH DRAW

A GOAL by striker Zlatko Arambasic only 55 seconds into the match helped relegation-threatened Blacktown City secure a 1-1 draw with third-placed Preston at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● ZLATKO ARAMBASIC

A high pass through the middle served up by defender Lee Sterrey gave the young Socceroo the opportunity to slice the ball into Preston's net wide of goalkeeper Phil Trianides.

Arambasic remained the most threatening Blacktown player throughout the game, whereas the normally safe Trianides did not regain his confidence until the second half.

Preston's half-time replacement, Ilita Taseski, brought up the equaliser in the 61st minute.

Blacktown attacked continually in the first half while Preston countered through defender George Jolevski down the right and striker Robert Runjc operating cleverly along the left flank.

Unfortunately for Preston, after Robert Markovac strode unimpeded up the left in the 20th minute, he curled the ball marginally high with only the keeper to beat.

APIA KEEPS GOAL ALIVE

APIA Leichhardt kept its slim play off chances alive with a hard-fought 1-0 win over relegation-threatened Sunshine George Cross at Lambert Park on Saturday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● KEVIN HAGAN

Enjoying the rare luxury of fielding an almost full-strength side, Apia had to survive several close calls before Kevin Hagan scored the only goal in the 72nd minute.

Apia goalie Tony Pezzano had to pull of a reflex save with his foot in the 64th minute when Paul Lewis appeared certain to put Sunshine ahead.

Ossie Latif had two chances in the space of one minute and, just before the Apia goal, Lewis headed wide by centimetres with only the keeper to beat.

The match started tamely and it took 80 minutes for Apia to have its first direct shot at the Sunshine goal.

At the other end it was a full 80 minutes before the George Cross strikers tested Pezzano.

coul dhave scored again

Right on full time Apia could have scored again when strapping defender Mirko Radosavljevic smashed a fierce drive onto the crossbar after a bullocking solo 50m run.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC BREAKS THROUGH WITH HAT-TRICK

HAT-TRICK hero Abbas Saad sparked a Sydney Olympic second-half revival which swept Maroni 5-3 in a game of mistakes at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● ABBAS SAAD

It was the biggest defeat this season for Marconi, the margin of which has now been reduced to three points over Melbourne Croatia.

But the Marconi players were furious when Olympic took a 4-3 lead in the 80th minute from a goal which the players claimed was clearly offside.

"It was a crucial goal but the fact we conceded five goals, many from individual mistakes is more important," Marconi coach Berti Mariani said.

Four of the match goals came through defensive errors and the speedy Olympic forwards were quicker to capitalise.

The win was important for Olympic and puts it in a four-way tie in fifth place as teams jockey for a place in the semi-finals.

"I thought we were gone in the first 20 minutes at the second half," Olympic coach Eddie Thomson said.

"But the team fought back courageously and if we get to the finals we'll beat them all."

Saad scored his goals in the 25th, 75th and 84th minutes to post his first league hat-trick after getting a similar result in a Cup match earlier this season against St George.

"There's always a scoring chance against Marconi because they like to attack and leave gaps in their defence," Saad said.

"I missed some clear shots in the first session and determined to make up for it in the second half."

Olympic had to call on all of its reserves after a disastrous start which gave Marconi a gift goal in the second minute.

A Gerry Gomaz pass to David Lowe was crossed to Fred de Jong who was left with an open net after Olympic defender David Barrett missed his clearance attempt.

marconi keeper Brett Hughes committed the next mistake when he fumbled a low drive by Jason Polak in the 14th minute and the ball rolled out of his hands and slowly crossed the line.

Olympic took the lead when Marconi centre back Steve Calderan held the ball too long and was robbed by Alistair Edwards to set up Saad's first goal.

The hard-working Lowe again brought the teams together five minutes before the break when he netted a shot by Zlatko Nastevski which had bounced off Olympic defender Steve Gerogskis.

Lowe earned his second goal in the 58th minute when another Nastevski shot was clocked by keeper Gary Meier and the speedy striker beat the defence to the ball.

Marconi continually attacked with Lowe, de Jong and Gomez working hard but as the team moved forward Gary Meier and speedy striker beat the defence to the ball.

Barrett's speedy wing runs were a constant threat while Edwards and Saad chipped away at the Marconi backline until the leaders began to falter.

"I'm disturbed that we've given away nine goals in two matches but it won't affect our run to the finals," a confident Mariani said.

Wolves end unbeaten run

Wollongong's unbeaten run under the guidance of coach Doug Collins ended on Sunday when Melbourne Croatia scored a 2-1 victory at Sunshine.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● TOM PONTIDAS

The Wolves might have escaped with a draw had their striker Sean Ingham been a little luckier when he hit the post from close range five minutes before the end.

Melbourne Croatia's victory was soured when defender George Hannah was carried from the ground on a stretcher in the 69th minute with a torn ligament below the left knee.

The injury happened during a goalmouth scramble in which Wollongong scored the equaliser at 1-1.

Croatia left back Paul Jurcic, *in trying to repel a shot from midfielder Tom* Pontidas, accidently sliced the ball into goal off the far post.

Croatia scored only seconds after half time when Josip Biskic put through a ball to striker Francis Awaritefe who drove an accurate low shot into the net.

The winning goal came only two minutes after Hannah's injury.

Alan Davidson started the move with a pass to Awaritefe on the right wing.

When Awaritefe's path was cut off, Josip Biskic took over, sending a cross to Zeljko Adzic who *headed the ball powerfully past goalkeeper George* Bouhoutsos.

Wollongong battled hard throughout the match to maintain its fight against possible relegation, but couldnot match the class of Croatia's best players.

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Action Packed Picture Page

● TOP LEFT: "Yuk" says Goran Ronje as he tastes the Bulleen mud.
● TOP RIGHT: Steve Tanos gives Kanon Taliadoros a congratulatory hug.
● BOTTOM LEFT: Steve Blair climbs high to head away from Angie Goutzioulos.
● BOTTOM RIGHT: It was a grim struggle at Bulleen.

RESULTS

DIVISION 1 MORNING

FOOTSCRAY UNITED 2 ANZ BANK 1 (1-1)
HIGHPOINT 2 AUST AIRLINES 0 (2-0)
MIDDLE PARK 1 APOLLO UN. 0 (2-1)
MONTROSE 2 ALTONA ILINDEN 3 (0-1)
NORTHCOTE UTD 5 FIBREMAKERS UTD 2 (2-1)

HIGHPOINT	9	8	0	1	34	8	16
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	9	6	1	2	22	10	13
ALTONA ILINDEN	9	6	1	2	15	7	13
AUSTN AIRLINES	9	4	1	4	18	17	9
FIBREMAKERS UTD	8	4	1	3	13	15	9
ANZ BANK	9	3	2	4	8	11	8
MONTROSE	8	3	0	5	14	14	6
APOLLO UNITED	8	3	0	5	22	25	6
NORTHCOTE UTD	9	2	0	7	15	30	4
MIDDLE PARK	8	0	2	6	6	27	2

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	9	5	4	0	25	6	14
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	9	5	3	1	24	14	13
AUSTN AIRLINES	9	5	3	1	22	12	13
MONTROSE	8	4	3	1	19	13	11
ANZ BANK	9	5	3	1	19	12	11
APOLLO UNITED	8	3	2	3	16	15	8
MIDDLE PARK	8	3	1	4	18	15	7
NORTHCOTE UTD	9	1	3	5	8	25	5
ALTONA ILINDEN	9	1	3	5	11	28	5
FIBREMAKERS UTD	8	0	1	7	7	39	1

DIVISION 1 AFTERNOON

COOMOORA SP. 3 GLENROY DOXA UTD. (0-2)
HAMPTON PARK UTD 2 ROWV. UN 0 (4-1)
S'VALE EAGLES 2 MELB. RUMANIA 8 (0-6)
THOMASTOWN UTD 3 FLAMINGO 1
YOUTH UNITED 1 WINDSOR 8

HAMPTON PARK UTD	9	7	1	1	27	12	15
WINDSOR	9	7	0	2	35	17	14
COOMOORA SPIDERS	9	6	1	2	29	16	13
THOMASTOWN UTD	9	4	2	3	26	23	10
GLENROY DOXA UTD	9	4	2	3	17	21	10
MELB RUMANIA	8	4	0	4	23	18	8
FLAMINGO	9	1	4	4	16	25	6
YOUTH UNITED	8	1	2	5	22	31	4
ROWVILLE UNITED	8	1	1	6	18	25	3
S'VALE EAGLES	8	1	1	6	12	37	3

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	8	6	1	1	19	9	13
FLAMINGO	8	5	1	2	24	14	11
S'VALE EAGLES	8	4	2	2	21	16	10
MELB RUMANIA	8	5	0	3	23	19	10
GLENROY DOXA UTD	8	4	1	3	12	9	9
HAMPTON PARK UTD	9	4	0	5	17	16	8
ROWVILLE UNITED	8	3	0	5	20	19	6
COOMOORA SPIDERS	9	3	0	6	23	28	6
THOMASTOWN UTD	7	2	0	5	11	30	4
YOUTH UNITED	7	1	1	5	17	27	3

DIVISION TWO MIXED

OAKLEIGH CITY 0 CRETAN ATHLETIC 5
SB SPURS 0 MIDDLE EAST 4 (2-4)
SWINBURNE 3 NTH X ST. HELENA 0 (2-1)

CRETAN ATHLETIC	9	8	0	1	36	13	16
TOTTENHAM	7	7	0	0	41	6	14
HARAMBEE	7	6	0	1	40	17	12
MIDDLE EAST	8	4	0	4	19	19	8
SWINBURNE	9	4	0	5	21	25	8
OAKLEIGH CITY	8	3	1	4	20	19	7
S.B. SPURS	9	2	2	5	18	38	6
NTH X ST.HELENA	8	2	0	6	16	30	4
MELBOURNE PUMAS	7	1	1	5	9	27	3
LEROS UNITED	8	1	0	7	13	39	2

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	7	7	0	0	31	5	14
CRETAN ATHLETIC	8	7	0	1	23	8	14
OAKLEIGH CITY	7	5	0	2	26	13	10
HARAMBEE	7	4	2	1	12	12	10
SWINBURNE	9	4	1	4	21	25	9
LEROS UNITED	8	3	1	4	20	20	7
MELBOURNE PUMAS	7	2	1	4	12	13	5
MIDDLE EAST	8	2	1	5	16	20	5
NTH X ST.HELENA	8	1	1	6	10	30	3
S.B. SPURS	9	0	1	8	12	35	1

DIVISION TWO AFTERNOON

NTHN. TIMORESE 1 NTH. DNG. SPARR. 4 (4-3)
KBRO BLUE DANUBE 2 ELWOOD UN 1
BAYSIDE ATA 4 FL'TON FLORIDIA 2 (3-1)
DANDENONG UN 2 BERWICK UN 5 (3-3)
CSUV 4 OAK CITY BAYS 1 (6-2)

FL'TON FLORIDIA	9	8	0	1	35	7	16
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	9	6	3	0	36	14	15
NTH DNG SPARROWS	9	5	2	2	19	16	12
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	9	5	1	3	14	9	11
NTHN TIMORESE	8	5	0	3	22	14	10
BERWICK UNITED	9	4	1	4	17	11	9
ELWOOD UNITED	9	4	1	4	19	18	9
DANDENONG UNITED	9	2	0	7	14	38	4
C.S.U.V.	9	1	0	8	9	32	2
OAK. CITY BAYS	8	0	0	8	9	29	0

ELWOOD UNITED	8	8	0	0	85	11	16
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	7	7	0	0	42	6	14
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	9	6	1	2	27	20	13
BERWICK UNITED	8	4	3	1	23	14	11
NTHN TIMORESE	8	4	0	4	17	29	8
OAK. CITY BAYS	8	2	2	4	22	34	6
DANDENONG UNITED	9	2	2	5	18	43	6
FL'TON FLORIDIA	9	2	0	7	11	38	4
C.S.U.V.	9	1	1	7	13	33	3
NTH DNG SPARROWS	9	1	1	7	15	45	3

DIVISION THREE EAST

DALLAS UNITED 5 BOWATER 2
KEW DEAF 2 TAXATION UNITED 6
LAMINEX 6 ESSENDON TRAMWAY 3
PRESTON TRAMWAYS 2 KEELEY KINGS 1
WESTALL PIPA 3 GARDEN CITY 3

DALLAS UNITED	9	8	0	1	37	12	16
LAMINEX	9	4	4	1	45	18	12
TAXATION UNITED	9	4	3	2	28	19	11
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	9	3	3	3	30	28	9
KEELEY KINGS	9	4	1	4	24	28	9
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	9	4	1	4	21	26	9
BOWATER	8	3	2	3	20	17	8
GARDEN CITY	9	2	4	3	18	24	8
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	8	2	1	5	29	36	5
KEW DEAF	9	0	1	8	18	52	1

DIVISION THREE WEST

ARDEER 1 ST ALBANS DYNAMO 1
KEILOR OLD BOYS P ALT NTH. TARXIEN P
NIPPONDENSO 4 ALTONA HEIGHTS 3
SUNBURY P ST ALB WANDERERS P
WHITTLESEA 2 K PARK HEIGHTS 1

ST ALBANS DYNAMO	9	6	3	0	35	9	15
ALT NTH TARXIEN	8	6	1	1	19	4	13
ARDEER	9	5	3	1	20	10	13
ST ALB WANDERERS	7	4	0	3	20	11	8
KEILOR OLD BOYS	7	3	2	2	17	16	8
ALTONA HEIGHTS	9	3	1	5	14	20	7
WHITTLESEA	9	3	1	5	18	28	7
K PARK HEIGHTS	9	2	2	5	13	19	6
SUNBURY	8	1	3	4	7	16	5
NIPPONDENSO	9	1	0	8	15	45	2

DIVISION FOUR

DINGLEY UNITED 0 EPPING THISTLE 3
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY 2 SALESIAN OB 0
ENDEAVOUR UNITED W FORD FALC. 0

EPPING THISTLE	9	6	1	2	25	13	13
SUNSHINE H'DONIA	7	6	0	1	26	6	12
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	9	5	2	2	26	12	12
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	8	6	0	2	24	13	12
ALEX THE GREAT	8	4	1	3	19	16	9
SUNSHINE UNITED	8	4	1	3	21	24	9
SALESIAN O.B.	9	3	1	5	17	30	7
FORD FALCONS	9	2	1	6	13	8	5
DINGLEY UNITED	9	2	1	6	13	37	5
EMBASSY TAXIS	8	0	0	8	12	33	0

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FLORIDIA FLOUNDERS

FLEMINGTON Floridia's perfect record sank without trace in 35 minutes of furious action at Bayside ATA's Parkdale HQ.

The first four minutes signalled another cake-walk for the Floridians as they pelted to a 2-0 lead with Sam D'Agostino and Tony Strano blasting through the Bayside defence. Bayside quailed only momentarily in the face of this 2-0 deficit, quickly regrouped and launched into its full attack mode.

At the 10th minute Bayside Mehmet came streaming into the 18 metre box and was tripped. Recovering quickly, he converted the resultant penalty to give his side new heart.

Ten minutes later Hadun, accepting a perfectly-weighted pass from midfielder, Ahmet, hammered in the equaliser, and repeated the move exactly four minutes later to put the Baysiders one up.

Action was fast and furious, with both sides switching from defence to attack and back to defence. Bayside had the better of the exchange when, at the 35th minute, Unver found himself unmarked and had no trouble driving wide of the Floridia keeper.

Six goals in 35 minutes had the crowd yelling itself hoarse. Excitement remained at fever pitch for most of the remaining 55 minutes, as Floridia strove desperately to bridge the gap, twice being denied by the woodwork. Neither side could score again, however, and the match ended 4-2 in Bayside ATA's favour, leaving it trailing Floridia by a solitary point.

The Bayside combination is now the only unbeaten team in Division 2A, and must be classed as a definite championship prospect.

North Dandenong Sparrows, meanwhile, fluttered into third with an unexpected, but decisive, 4-1 win against Northern Timorese. Keysborough Blue Danube makes up the four, recording a hard-fought 2-1 win over the young Elwood United combination on Sunday.

Division One Morning saw some further separation of the men from the boys, with Highpoint, Footscray United and Altona Ilinden all winning, to take a decisive break over the rest of the field.

Highpoint remains three points clear of Footscray United and Altona Ilinden, with Australian Airlines and Fibremakers United each four points further back.

Fibremakers' claim to top honors suffered a savage set-back when it was downed 5-2 by previous bottom side, Northcote United. Apollo United made sure of hanging on to 8th spot in trouncing defending champion, Middle Park, 6-1.

ANZ Bank's run was also stopped when it went down 1-2 to Footscray United — a loss which was largely of the Bankers' own making. ANZ created so many chances in this game that it could, and probably should, have come away with both points, except that inept and tentative finishing let the side down.

The front runners in Division One Afternoon, Hampton Park, Windsor and Coomoora Spiders, all picked up valuable wins to keep them in contention.

Hampton Park on 15 points leads from Windsor (14) and Coomoora Spiders (13).

Three points further back are thomastown and Glenroy Doxa. Thomastown, in the end, had a comfortable 3-1 win over Flamingo after the sides were locked together 1-1 at half time, with Mustafa Abak scoring from the Spot at the 10th minute for the Thommos, and Sisaye Kebede rattling in the equaliser at the 40th minute.

Although the balance of play was pretty equal during the second period Thomastown had the better of the finishing with Tony Pug putting it 2-1 up at the 55th minute, and Benny Pug sealing the issue at the 85th.

Hampton Park beat nth placed Rowville United 2-0 through a ninth minute penalty and a streaky second goal at the 88th.

In between times, Rowville United terrorised the Parker and threatened continuously to provide the upset of the day.

In fact, Rowville may yet settle the championship issue in this division as, if it can retain this sort of form, it will almost certainly take vital points from much higher placed opponents.

Windsor struggled early in its away encounter with Youth United, finding the pace of the Youngsters a fefinite worry. Windsor was first away with a powerfully-headed goal from an

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Round Seventeen Details

BULLEEN 0 CROYDON CITY 0
At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee T. Sorensen.
BULLEEN: Roccioletti - Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Trogrlic - Manou, Ruccia, Angele, Lujic - Avian, O'Keefe. Coach Tony Vrzina.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje - Langsbury (inj. Quigley 35th), Dobson, McIntosh, Gabrielson - Brown, van Egmond, Roodhouse, G. Runje - Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award: Krajacic (B) 3, McIntosh (C) 2, Roccioletti (B) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 5 (Wright 20th, 26th pen. 34th, Manley 70th, 78th) FAWKNER 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee Z. Mnch. Caution O'Dell (F).
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Byrne, Bruns, Bingham, Doyle - O'Donnell, Cassar, McBride, Nelson - Manley (Basara 80th), Wright. Coach Bob McLachlan.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Ciavelli, Schipano (Ferrer HT), Patricca, Cosentino - Ferla, Sabatino, O'Dell, Campbell - Hanna, Raynes. Coach John Colangele.
Ansett best player award: Byrne (MF) 3, Wright (MF) 2, Manley (MF) 1.

THOMASTOWN 1 (De Propertis 89th) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Cocker 23rd)
At Partridge Reserve, Sunday. Referee Jim Fearn.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - De Propertis, Higgins, Hennessy, Mihailidis - Ragusa (Mihos 70th), Di Martino, Athersych, Cristaldo - Sinclair (Kapafetsis 70th), Carfora. Coach Frank McAleer.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Palmanicciotti, Kouremenos, Harris, N. Constantinou - Gymnopoulos, Patiniotis, Ramos, Burgess - Cocker, J. Constantinou. Coach Jimmy Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: Ramos (N) 3, Burgess (N) 2, Athersych (T) 1.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Marley 55th, Herd 75th) FRANKSTON PINES 0
At veneto Club, Sunday. Referee J. Fokianos.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Della Rocca, Coady, Palleschi (De Amicis 70th) - Lane, Herd, Minichiello, Belic - Egan (McGrellis HT), Glockner. Coach Manfred Schaefer.
FRANKSTON PINES: Waterman - Lipscomb, Ferris, Watson, Buchanan - Weir, McDonagh, Miller Ross - Stirton, Dick. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Herd (Juve) 3, Lane (Juve) 2, Marley (Juve) 1.

BOX HILL 0 CAULFIELD CITY 3 (Pappas 79th, 81st, Bitsonis 38th)
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee J. Hogg, Cautions McArthur, Egan (BH), Pappas (C).
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Davis, Davidson, Cooper, Dimitrelis - McPhee (McMorrow 70th), Hanley, McArthur, Kennedy - Ham (McAleer 52nd), Egan. Coach John Brown.
CAULFIELD CITY: Koletsos - Bitsonis, Kountouris, Fattore, Dimovski - Theoharous, Zolotarev, Drakeford, Aretis - Zemunik, Pappas. Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Drakeford (C) 3, Theoharous (C) 2, Dimitrelos (BH) 1.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Smart 70th, Metaxas 85th) ST ALBANS 2 (Morovic 20th, Gagula 26th)
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee N. Zachariades.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, Pender, Chetcuti, McMillan - Smart (Cutler 80th), Wilson, McLelland, Metaxas - Harrison, Daley (Elsey 65th). Coach Willie Vassallo.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Babic, Simovic, Kupresak, Juricic - Culina, Gagula, Kuzman - Maretic (Bozic 70th), Eres (Pondeljak 80th), Morovic. Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Gagula (St.A) 3, Sant (GG) 2, Metaxas (GG) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 3 (Bryden, Webster, Fourna).
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee E. Venios.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia, Innes, Czapnik, Pichner - Stelanovic (Romanovski HT), Nelson, Bonk, Blichart - De Bono, Przbyla (Acevski 60th). Coach Lesjik Dzielkowski.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian -Livingstone, Bryden, Bissinger, Reilly (Byrne HT) - Kral, Fourna, Armstrong - Findlay, Webster, B. Keenan (Mitsou 65th). Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award: Webster (S) 3, Bryden (S) 2, Armstrong (S) 1.

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Leading goalscorers

● *Billy Wright . . . now sitting on six goals.*

12. McMullen (Alt)

11. Pappas(Caul)

10. Morovic (St.A)

8. Egan (Juve)

7. Basara (MF)
Carfora (Thom)
Humble (Croy)
Woodall (North)

6. Wright (MF)

5. Bonk (Mar,3p)
Dick (FP)
Gagula (St.A)
Georgevski (Alt)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Metaxas (GG)
Scott (Croy)

4. Eres (St.A)
Glockner (Juve)
Harrison (GG)
Herd Juve)
McBride (MF)
Tortevski (Alt)
van Egmond (Croy)
Watson (FP)

3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Cocker (North)
Daley (GG)
Davie (Ring)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Hanna (Fawk)
Keenan (S'vale)
McAleer (BH)
Nelson (Mar)
Sokoluk(MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Tsangas (North)
Warszawski (MF)

2. Aretis (Caul)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Brimmer (Croy)
Bryden (S'vale)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
De Amicis (Juve)
Dobson (Croy)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Harris (North)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kennedy (BH)
Klepac (Juve)
Kouremenos (North)
Lane (Juve)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McIntosh (Croy)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Manley (MF)
Maguire (Ring)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Raynes (Fawk)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Stirton (FP)
Trogrlic (Bull)
Wall (Ring)

1. Arastrong (S'vale)
Asilmovski (Alt)
Avian (Bull)
Belic (Juve)
Bothwell (FP)
Bruns (MF)
Burlak (North)
Cassar (MF)
Constantinou.N(North)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Elsey (GG)
Fourna (S'vale)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)
Hennessey (Thom)
Higgins (Thom)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Marley (Juve)
McDonagh (FP)
McLeod (BH)
McPhee (BH)
Maretic (St.A)
Micevski (Alt)
Minichiello (Juve)
Micoski (Alt)
O'Keefe (Bull)
Radecki (FP)
Ragusa (Thom)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Ross (FP)
Ristovski (Alt)
Smart (GG)
Sweeney (FP)
Thodis (North)
Thomas (BH)
Todoroski (Alt)
Verochia (Spr)
Webster (S'vale)

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

CROYDON C	16	9	5	2	24	6	23
JUVENTUS	16	9	5	2	30	13	23
MOR. FALC	17	9	5	3	29	13	23
ST ALBANS	17	9	5	3	22	10	23
Altona Gate	17	8	5	4	32	18	21
Caulf. C	17	8	4	5	26	22	20
Green Gully	16	7	3	6	24	18	17
Thomastown	17	5	7	5	16	18	17
Northc. City	15	6	4	5	20	17	16
Bulleen	16	6	4	6	16	19	16
Ringwood C	17	3	7	7	13	30	13
Box Hill	16	3	6	7	14	22	12
Fawkner	16	4	4	8	10	22	12
Frankston P	17	4	4	9	16	29	12
Springv. C	17	2	6	9	12	19	10
Maribyrnong	17	2	2	13	9	37	6

RESERVES RESULTS

RINGWOOD CITY 0 ALTONA GATE 0
BOX HILL 3 CAULFIELD CITY 2
GREEN GULLY 2 ST ALBANS 0
BRUNSWICK JUVE. 2 FRANKSTON P 0
BULLEEN 1 CROYDON CITY 1
MORWELL FALCONS 3 FAWKNER 1

LADDER

Altona Gate	17	11	3	3	36	21	25
Juventus	15	9	5	1	38	16	23
Green Gully	15	9	3	3	38	19	21
St Albans	17	9	3	5	32	17	21
Caulf. City	16	8	3	5	29	25	19
Morwell Falc.	17	7	3	7	29	30	17
Bulleen	15	5	5	5	17	16	15
Thomastown	15	6	3	6	17	22	15
Ringwood	16	5	4	7	24	31	14
Frankston P	16	7	0	9	24	32	14
Northc. C	12	6	1	5	24	24	13
Fawkner	16	5	3	8	21	25	13
Box Hill	16	4	5	7	22	33	13
Croydon	16	3	5	8	21	30	11
Maribyrnong	16	2	5	9	16	28	9
Springvale C	15	2	3	10	11	30	7

RINGWOOD CITY 0 ALTONA GATE 6 (Georgevski 54th, 71st, McMullen 79th, 83rd, Nicoski 88th, Tortevski 51st).
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee E. Brazzale.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Wemyss, Nolan, Cumming, Haupt Miller, McGuigan, Maguire, Corvan (Hancock 70th) - Thomson, Prinsen. Coach Hans Petersen.
ALTONA GATE: Lee - Byrne, Markovski (Todorovski 65th), Gagic, Momirovski - Tortevski, Kebakovski, Nicoski, Ilioski - McMullen, Georgevski (Milevski 75th). Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Tortevski (Alt) 3, Maguire (R) 2, Byrne (Alt) 1.

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21.Pender (GG)

20.Drakeford (Caul)

18.van Egmond (Croy)
Byrne (MF)

14.Lane (Juve)
Lujic (Bull)
McMullen (Alt)

13.Corvan (Ring)
Hunble (Croy)
Maguire (Ring&1u
McIntosh (Croy)
Webster (S'vale)

12.Cooper (BH)
Harris (North)

11.Athersych (Thom)
Brian (S'vale)
Herd (Juve)
Krajacic (Bull)

10.Byrne (Alt)
Dick (FP)
Minichiello (Juve)

9.Byrne (Alt)
O'Dell (Fawk)
Woodall (North)

8.Brown (Croy)
Gagula (St.A)
Ilioski (Alt)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (MF)
Sokoluk (Caul)

7.Bonk (Mar)
Bryden (S'vale)
Carfora (Thom)
Davies (FP)
Fattore (Caul)
Haupt (Ring)
O'Donnell (MF)
Ristovski (Alt)
Watson (FP)

6.Basara (MF)
Belic (Juve)
Blackley (Ring)
Boric (St.A)
Czapnik (Mar)
Harrison (GG)
McKinlay (BH)
Miller (FP)
Patiniotis (North)
Simovic (St.A)
Trogrlic (Bull)

5.Bitsonis (Caul)
Cassar (MF)
Egan (Juve)
Kouremenos (North)
McArthur (BH)
May (Ring)
Patterson (Juve)
Terzini (Fawk)
Theoharous (Caul)

4.Adams (S'vale)
Babic (St.A)
Brimmer (Croy)
Campbell(Fawk)
Contini (Bull)
Cosentino (Fawk)
Culina (St.A)
Davidson (BH)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Janakievski (Thom)
Kebakovski (Alt)
McBride (MF)
McLelland (GG)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (Mar)
Pappas (Caul)
Reynolds (MF)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Turudia (North)
Wall (Ring)
Wilson (GG)

3.Bissinger (S'vale)
Cocker (North)
Colina (St.A)
Constantinou.J (North)
Cutler (GG)
Daley (GG)
De Propertis(Thom)
Dobson (Croy)
Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (BH)
Filipou (Caul)
Hennessy (Thom)
Innes (Mar)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Mihos (Thom)
Palmaricciotti (North)
Patricca (Fawk)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Ragusa (Thom)
Ramos (North)
Rocciolletti (Bull)
Ross (FP)
Runje.G (Croy)
Simovic (St.A)
Stirton (FP)
Todorovski (Alt)
Tortevski (Alt)
Wright (MF)

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WRIGHT HOOK FLOORS FAWKNER

RINGWOOD HIT FOR SIX

by BRIAN JAMES

AFTER another gloomy and wet Saturday, the sun finally broke through on Sunday and the forwards obviously revelled in for it rained goals galore.

Fawkner found Billy Wright in unstoppable form as the Falcons machine finally fulfilled its potential.

Wright scored a hat-trick, his second in a fortnight, and he was well supported by Ron Manley, who also scored twice.

It was a disastrous result for Fawkner which will now be watching for Springvale results with some trepidation.

Springvale defeated Maribyrnong, as was to be expected, but what delighted coach Bus Macleod most was not just the two precious points, but the margin, which put a much more healthy complexion on his goal difference.

Macleod says Vale's goal difference, a mere minus seven now is due entirely to the goal-keeping of Robert Brian, whom he describes as "the best goalkeeper in the State League, bar none".

Another, even rosier aspect of Springvale's win was that amazingly, it was the only club in the bottom ten to win.

It now has Fawkner, Frankston Pines and Box Hill in its sights and with a better goal difference, and thirteen games to go, its prospects are looking better every week.

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AT the top of the table, the situation gets more intriguing every week.

On Saturday, on a pitch where keeping one's feet was a major feat (sorry!), Bulleen and Croydon City turned on a highly praiseworthy performance.

Some sliding tackles had to be seen to be believed but the game was played in such good spirit that referee Torben Sorensen had a pleasant afternoon out.

In the glue-pot it was always going to be a defenders' day and whenever the fearsome Croydon forwards did manage to get on the target, they found young Rocciolletti in the Bulleen goal in superb form.

This boy has been a great find for Bulleen, it doesn't seem a minute since Tony Vrzina was bemoaning the fact that Alan Contini was going away on business and where was he going to find another keeper"

Now Contini finds he can't get back between the sticks them's the breaks.

Vrzina, incidentally is still on crutches, recovering from his achilles medon operation, but said after the game his team had played so well his ankle was feeling much better, thank you!

And his new striker Lee O'Keefe isn't that skinny either, white, yes, but not skinny.

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CROYDON'S dropped point enabled both Juventus and Morwell to close on it again and the way the top four are playing, you get the feeling that there isn't going to be much between all of them right down to the wire.

Juventus plays Bulleen at the Veneto Club on Saturday, incidentally and would have been grateful for the "rehearsal" against Pines on the same pitch last week.

Juve's coach Manfred Schaefer is reasonably happy with the way his team is playing, especially his midfield, where Sean Lane is at last playing up to his potential and Willie Herd is enjoying a fresh lease of life.

The only cloud on Schaefer's horizon this week is Charlie Egan's fitness.

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BRANKO Culina wasn't a very happy coach this week after St Albans threw away a two-goal lead to squander a point.

"We'd done our homework on Green Gully and all week we'd worked on keeping John Metaxas and Kevin Harrison quiet.

"It was all to no avail, they were the two who did the damage!"

Green Gully did well to get its point, and it was also lucky to have a coach at all.

Willie Vassallo was in a head-on car crash on Sunday morning, but escaped with a shaking and bruises.

Not so lucky was Thomastown coach Frank McAleer, who ended up in hospital with a fractured sternum after his car crash.

He still picked the team, though even though he didn't go to the game ("the first I've missed in twelve years" he says) and I believe the telephone line between Partridge Reserve and the McAleer home was running hot at one time.

It's a good thing Frank wasn't in bed with a heart attack. Thomastown snatched its equaliser in injury time!

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STOP PRESS

As we go to press, the news has just come from the North that the Victorian Youth team has defeated New South Wales in the national youth championships being played in Canberra.

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This weekend's games, probable winners in capitals:

SATURDAY:
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v Bulleen at the Veneto Club. **ST ALBANS** v Maribyrnong at Churchill Reserve. Caulfield City v Thomastown (draw) at Princes park. Northcote City v Green Gully (draw) at John Cain Reserve.

SUNDAY: **CROYDON CITY** v Box Hill at Town Park. **FAWKNER** v Ringwood City at Smith Reserve. Springvale City v **MORWELL FALCONS** at Ross Reserve. Frankston Pines v **ALTONA GATE**.

● Bulleen's new striker, Lee O'Keefe showed ability last week.

ENGLAND PLAYERS WANTED

England players are needed to play in the World Cup. No, not the one in Italy, but the one at Waverley City starting November 3. Both Australia and England have now appointed managers and anyone wishing to play for England should ring TED QUY ON

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Dove'n	0	V	W'bee	1
M'bark	0	V	B'mead	1
Oakl'h		V	M'wad	
S'hae	0	V	Albion	2
E'don	0	V	Knox	1
W'gte		V	D'nong	
W.Subs	0	V	Mord	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	11	6	4	1	17	6	16
S'hae	13	7	2	4	21	13	16
Albion	12	5	6	1	15	8	16
Knox	12	6	1	5	19	18	13
Dove'n	13	6	1	6	19	20	13
E'don	13	5	3	5	14	17	13
B'mead	12	4	4	4	12	11	12
W'bee	11	5	2	4	12	14	12
Oakl'h	11	4	3	4	16	12	11
Mord	11	3	5	3	15	13	11
M'wad	10	4	2	4	17	14	10
W'gte	11	3	4	4	7	13	10
W.Subs	11	1	6	4	7	14	8
D'nong	11	0	1	10	7	25	1

RESERVES

Dove'n	V	W'bee	
M'bark	V	B'mead	
Oakl'h	5 V	M'wad	0
S'hae	V	Albion	
E'don	V	Knox	
W'gte	V	D'nong	
W.Subs	V	Mord	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox	10	6	3	1	30	13	15
Dove'n	10	5	4	1	16	10	14
Albion	10	6	1	3	16	14	13
M'wad	12	6	1	5	19	18	13
M'bark	11	5	2	4	25	16	12
S'hae	11	4	3	4	28	21	11
B'mead	10	5	1	4	19	15	11
D'nong	11	4	3	4	13	11	11
E'don	10	5	0	5	13	13	10
Mord	11	4	2	5	21	29	10
W.Subs	10	4	1	5	11	24	9
Oakl'h	11	1	5	5	20	21	7
W'bee	10	3	0	7	14	23	6
W'gte	9	2	0	7	13	30	4

DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

N.Geel	3	V	S'bury	0
R'mond	3	V	Coburg	1
Y'ville	2	V	Pt Mel	5
B'wood	0	V	C'ton H	2
Keilor	0	V	B'ton	0
Nav.C	4	V	Geel	0
H'berg	1	V	Don Rv	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor	13	9	2	2	23	12	20
N.Geel	13	7	3	3	28	17	17
Pt Mel	12	7	2	3	26	19	16
Geel	13	7	2	4	20	19	16
B'ton	12	6	3	3	19	14	15
R'wood	13	6	3	4	23	21	15
Nav.C	13	6	2	5	25	17	14
C'ton H	12	5	2	5	16	14	12
R'mond	12	6	0	6	24	24	12
Coburg	12	4	4	4	17	17	12
Don Rv	13	2	5	6	10	17	9
H'berg	12	3	1	8	17	27	7
S'bury	12	2	3	7	11	22	7
Y'ville	12	0	2	10	6	25	2

RESERVES

N.Geel	3	V	S'bury	1
R'mond		V	Coburg	
Y'ville		V	Pt Mel	
B'wood		V	C'ton H	
Keilor		V	B'ton	
Nav.C		V	Geel	
H'berg		V	Don Rv	

B'ton	11	10	1	0	31	8	21
C'ton H	11	9	1	1	37	14	19
Keilor	10	8	0	2	26	16	16
N.Geel	12	7	0	5	27	19	14
R'wood	12	7	0	5	34	27	14
Pt Mel	11	6	1	4	29	17	13
Nav.C	11	5	0	6	21	19	10
Don Rv	11	4	1	6	28	21	9
R'mond	11	4	1	6	18	35	9
Geel	11	3	2	6	26	25	8
H'berg	11	3	2	6	16	22	8
S'bury	13	2	2	9	21	31	6
Y'ville	11	3	0	8	14	44	6
Coburg	12	2	1	9	13	41	5

LEAGUE 3 FIRSTS

S'ford	8	V	Lalor	0
C/Geel	4	V	M'thon	1
M'ton	2	V	M'bin	1
Elt/B.V	4	V	Y'ourn	1
Holl Pk	1	V	Bell Pk	4
S'vale	0	V	C'ssa	2
Altona	2	V	C'inda	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	13	11	1	1	34	9	23
C'ssa	13	8	3	2	30	15	19
C/geel	13	8	3	2	23	9	19
Holl Pk	13	7	0	6	26	18	14
Elt/d.V	13	5	4	4	19	16	14
M'ton	13	5	4	4	14	12	14
S'ford	13	5	3	5	25	17	13
M'bin	13	5	3	5	16	17	13
Y'ourn	13	3	5	5	14	20	11
C'inda	13	4	3	6	17	24	11
Lalor	12	4	2	6	12	27	10
M'thon	12	2	3	7	16	23	7
S'vale	13	1	5	7	11	25	7
Altona	13	2	1	10	15	40	5

RESEVES

S'ford	1	V	Lalor	0
C/Geel	2	V	M'thorn	0
M'ton	2	V	M'bin	7
Elt/B.V		V	Y'ourn	
Holl Pk	1	V	Bell Pk	2
S'vale		V	C'ssa	
Altona	6	V	C'inda	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bin	12	9	2	1	45	11	20
Elt/d.V	10	9	0	1	31	12	18
S'ford	13	8	1	4	33	15	17
Bell Pk	12	7	2	3	19	14	16
Altona	13	7	1	5	26	20	15
C'ssa	11	7	0	4	28	22	14
C'inda	12	6	1	5	29	34	13
S'vale	11	5	2	4	23	20	12
Holl Pk	12	4	2	6	21	29	10
C/geel	12	4	1	7	23	23	9
Lalor	12	2	4	6	18	22	8
M'thorn	11	3	2	6	16	24	8
M'ton	13	1	1	11	11	35	3
Y'ourn	12	1	1	10	8	50	3

DIVISION 4 FIRSTS

FTGully	1	V	Hamlyn	2
Cl'ton	3	V	R'anna	1
K'ingal	0	V	L'warr	1
W'town	1	V	Brun/Iv	1
Keysbro	0	V	Bent	5
Regent	1	V	Boronia	0
More.Pk	0	V	P'vale	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent	13	10	3	0	35	11	23
Cl'ton	13	10	1	2	38	20	21
Hamlyn	12	8	2	2	34	20	18
Brun/Iv	13	5	5	3	19	11	15
Regent	13	6	3	4	17	12	15
K'ingal	13	6	1	6	23	19	13
L'warr	13	5	3	5	17	13	13
More.Pk	13	5	2	6	23	24	12
R'anna	12	4	4	4	18	24	12
P'vale	13	3	4	6	10	23	10
W'town	13	2	4	7	12	26	8
FTgully	13	2	3	8	10	22	7
Boronia	13	1	5	7	9	26	7
Keysbro	13	1	4	8	10	24	6

RESERVES

FTGully	V	Hamlyn	
Cl'ton	2 V	R'anna	1
K'ingal	2 V	L'warr	3
W'town	1 V	Brun/Iv	2
Keysbro	2 V	Bent	2
Regent	V	Boronia	
More.Pk	V	P'vale	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brun/Iv	13	7	4	2	27	15	18
Cl'ton	12	8	1	3	21	15	17
L'warr	13	5	5	3	22	16	15
Bent	12	4	5	3	29	26	13
Regent	11	4	5	2	18	16	13
Keysbro	13	5	3	5	23	24	13
W'town	13	6	0	7	18	23	12
Hamlyn	10	5	1	4	21	17	11
Ftgully	12	4	3	5	20	18	11
R'anna	12	4	2	6	18	23	10
More.Pk	11	3	3	5	18	29	9
K'ingal	11	3	2	6	14	16	8
Boronia	12	3	2	7	14	22	8
P'vale	11	4	0	7	14	26	8

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

FIRSTS

Prahran	1	V	Mossf'	0
Berwick	2	V	Melton	0
W Vale	6	V	W Mead	4
B'wick		V	Oak.Sub	
N.Sun	1	V	S'vale	2
E Geel		V	Malvern	
Wav'ly	2	V	S Yarra	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	12	10	2	0	27	9	22
Prahran	13	6	6	1	32	23	18
Berwick	12	8	0	4	22	13	16
W Vale	12	6	3	3	22	15	15
W Mead	12	7	1	4	24	20	15
Oak.Sub	11	6	2	3	25	18	14
N.Sun	12	6	1	5	28	22	13
B'wick	11	4	3	4	17	18	11
Melton	13	3	4	6	22	26	10
Malvern	11	4	2	5	15	21	10
Mossf'	13	3	3	7	14	21	9
Wav'ly	12	3	0	9	14	26	6
E Geel	11	2	2	7	13	25	6
S Yarra	13	1	1	11	11	29	3

RESERVES

Prahran	2	V	Mossf'	0
Berwick	0	V	Melton	0
W Vale		V	W Mead	
B'wick		V	Oak.Sub	
N.Sun		V	S'vale	
E Geel		V	Malvern	
Wav'ly	0	V	S Yarra	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	13	10	1	2	39	11	21
N.Sun	11	8	1	2	32	13	17
W Mead	11	8	1	2	24	18	17
Malvern	11	6	2	3	31	25	14
S'vale	10	6	2	2	17	11	14
Melton	13	4	5	4	18	15	13
S Yarra	12	3	5	4	23	28	11
W Vale	10	3	4	3	15	13	10
Mossf'	13	4	2	7	26	27	10
Berwick	11	3	4	4	12	17	10
B'wick	10	2	3	5	13	21	7
E Geel	11	1	3	7	15	27	5
Wav'ly	12	2	1	9	13	36	5
Oak.Sub	10	1	2	7	9	25	4

DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

F'kston	2	V	Lalor	2
Uni Melb	0	V	Ascot	4
Port Un	2	V	Altona Eas	3
Br'tons		V	S Dandy	
Glenroy	1	V	Monash	0
F.Hill	3	V	Cranb'n	3
S S'vale	2	V	Ball't	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.Hill	13	8	4	1	33	13	20
S S'val	13	8	4	1	27	9	20
Altona	13	9	2	2	21	16	20
S Dandy	12	7	1	4	31	19	15
Ascot	12	5	5	2	20	10	15
Cranb'n	13	5	5	3	22	14	15
Br'tons	12	4	5	3	20	16	13
Uni Mel	13	4	5	4	15	19	13
Glenroy	13	4	2	7	17	24	10
Ball't	13	3	4	6	15	25	10
Port Un	13	3	3	7	18	30	9
Lalor	12	1	5	6	14	27	7
F'kston	13	1	4	8	12	28	6
Monash	13	1	3	9	9	24	5

RESERVES

F'kston	1	V	Lalor	1
Uni Melb	2	V	Ascot	1
Port Un		V	Altona Eas	
Br'tons		V	S Dandy	
Glenroy	2	V	Monash	1
F.Hill	2	V	Cranb'n	1
S S'vale	1	V	Ball't	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	13	9	2	2	33	14	20
Altona	12	6	5	1	25	16	17
F'kston	13	7	2	4	25	17	16
S Dandy	11	6	2	3	26	15	14
Ball't	13	5	3	5	23	14	13
Ascot	12	5	3	4	20	16	13
Lalor	12	4	3	5	29	24	11
S S'val	12	4	3	5	16	21	11
Glenroy	12	5	1	6	20	27	11
F.Hill	12	4	3	5	19	26	11
Cranb'n	12	2	6	4	15	22	10
Br'tons	12	3	2	7	16	26	8
Monash	12	2	3	7	13	26	7
Port Un	10	2	2	6	13	29	6

DIVISION 3 FIRSTS

Mitchan	2	V	Nth Clayto	1
W'tirna	2	V	Brandon	3
Altona	0	V	Med.Pk.	0
Lyndale	1	V	Kew	0
Carrum	1	V	Monbulk	1
R'dale		V	Ringw'd	
Fitzroy	2	V	Bataan	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy	13	9	3	1	28	16	21
Lyndale	13	9	1	3	32	16	19
Med.Pk.	13	7	4	2	22	15	18
Brandon	12	7	3	2	23	12	17
Kew	13	6	4	3	18	14	16
W'tirna	13	5	3	5	30	20	13
Mitchan	13	6	1	6	23	30	13
Altona	13	4	4	5	11	16	12
Bataan	13	2	7	4	23	24	11
Monbulk	13	3	3	7	11	12	9
Carrum	12	2	5	5	17	20	9
Ringw'd	12	1	6	5	15	23	8
R'dale	11	2	2	7	16	32	6
Nth Cla	12	1	2	9	13	32	4

RESERVES

Mitchan	4	V	N.Clayton	1
W'tirna		V	Brandon	
Altona	1	V	Med.Pk.	2
Lyndale	2	V	Kew	1
Carrum	3	V	Monbulk	5
R'dale	2	V	Ringw'd	0
Fitzroy		V	Bataan	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	13	9	1	3	44	25	19
Monbulk	13	8	2	3	33	19	18
Kew	13	7	3	3	32	19	17
W'tirna	11	8	1	2	30	17	17
Brandon	11	7	2	2	27	11	16
Bataan	11	7	2	2	35	20	16
R'dale	12	6	3	3	25	19	15
Med.Pk.	12	6	1	5	34	25	13
Mitchan	12	3	3	6	19	24	9
Carrum	12	4	1	7	33	42	9
Altona	13	4	1	8	27	42	9
Ringw'd	12	2	0	10	16	32	4
N.Clayt	11	2	0	9	12	36	4
Fitzroy	12	1	0	11	19	55	2

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Coll'wd	1	V	M'thorn	1
Bye		V	Phillip	
Keilor	1	V	Nav.Mand	2
Oak U	2	V	North U	2
E Rich	3	V	Diggers	0
L'robe	1	V	Balwyn	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	11	10	1	0	32	11	21
M'thorn	11	8	2	1	35	14	18
Nav.Man	12	6	3	3	32	21	15
Oak U	12	3	7	2	23	24	13
Balwyn	10	5	2	3	31	20	12
Phillip	10	3	5	2	19	21	11
Coll'wd	11	3	3	5	16	23	9
North U	11	3	3	5	13	25	9
Diggers	10	2	2	6	15	21	6
L'robe	11	0	5	6	19	29	5
Keilor	11	0	1	10	10	36	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Coll'wd	3	V	M'thon	1
Bye		V	Phillip	
Keilor	1	V	Nav.Mand	1
Oak U	5	V	North U	0
E Rich	7	V	Diggers	6
L'robe U	3	V	Balwyn	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Balwyn	10	8	1	1	34	13	17
Coll'wd	10	8	0	2	39	16	16
Nav.Man	11	7	2	2	27	13	16
E Rich	11	5	3	3	41	34	13
Phillip	10	4	5	1	22	15	13
Oak U	10	3	2	5	26	27	8
Diggers	10	3	2	5	29	32	8
L'robe	11	4	0	7	20	30	8
North U	11	2	4	5	11	26	8
M'thon	11	0	5	6	17	34	5
Keilor	11	1	2	8	16	42	4
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION 2 FIRSTS

R.M.I.T.	3	V	C'well G	5
Furlan	0	V	D.Valley	0
Maccabi	0	V	Upfield	5
C'corde	1	V	E.Hills	8
O Scots	4	V	I'city	1
Yarra U	3	V	Mel.Uni	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra U	13	10	1	2	54	21	21
C'well	12	9	0	3	57	25	18
O Scots	12	8	2	2	36	19	18
Upfield	13	7	3	3	49	22	17
Mel.Uni	12	8	1	3	35	12	17
Furlan	12	4	4	4	26	26	12
E.Hills	13	4	3	6	32	33	11
Maccabi	12	4	3	5	31	35	11
D.Valle	12	2	6	4	23	21	10
R.M.I.T	13	3	4	6	33	46	10
I'city	13	2	1	10	13	36	5
C'corde	13	0	0	13	10	103	0

RESERVES

R.M.I.T.	0	V	C'well G	5
Furlan	4	V	D.Valley	1
Maccabi	0	V	Upfield	5
C'corde	1	V	E.Hills	2
O Scots	2	V	I'city	0
Yarra U		V	Mel.Uni	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	13	10	2	1	34	13	22
E.Hills	12	8	3	1	28	17	19
O Scots	12	7	4	1	31	14	18
Furlan	13	7	2	4	49	19	16
Upfield	11	7	1	3	26	18	15
I'city	12	6	1	5	30	11	13
Mel.Uni	12	4	3	5	24	19	11
Yarra U	9	4	2	3	27	19	10
D.Valle	11	2	2	7	17	29	6
Maccabi	11	2	0	9	17	43	4
R.M.I.T	11	1	0	10	12	42	2
C'corde	9	0	0	9	4	55	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

CONDORS	2	V	MEL CITY	0
C,FIELD	3	V	MORDI B	0
E,RICH	.0	V	B,MARIB	0
BYE		V	ELWOOD	
MORDI	1	V	CLAYTON	1
E,BENT	4	V	D,LEITH SU	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B,aaris	10	9	1	0	77	8	19
Mordi	8	6	1	1	45	3	13
Clayton	9	5	3	1	48	11	13
Condors	9	5	2	2	36	18	12
E,rich	9	3	4	2	34	9	10
Mel Cty	8	4	1	3	45	19	9
C,field	8	4	1	3	15	14	9
Elwood	9	3	1	5	31	45	7
E,bent	9	1	0	8	11	58	2
O,leigh	8	1	0	7	3	68	2
Mordi B	9	0	0	9	1	93	0

EASTERN A

Nuna.C		V	Cr'don.C	
F. HILL	0	V	B.Hill	4
Donc.R		V	Bulleen	
Cla'nda	0	V	Knox.A	12
S'valeA		V	Mitchan	
W'ley.Cty	0	V	W'ley.U	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'valea	9	9	0	0	78	3	18
Knox.A	10	8	0	2	76	8	16
Cr'don.	9	8	0	1	55	9	16
W'ley.U	10	7	0	3	43	13	14
Bulleen	9	5	0	4	35	13	10
Mitchan	9	4	1	4	33	16	9
F. Hill	10	4	1	5	20	23	9
Donc.R	9	3	1	5	18	41	7
W'ley.C	10	2	1	7	10	60	5
B.Hill	10	2	0	8	9	76	4
Nuna.C	9	1	1	7	14	71	3
Cla'nda	10	1	1	8	3	61	3

EASTERN B

G/W.LEY	0	V	B,DON PK	0
BRI,TON	0	V	S,VALE CITY	6
M,BARK	9	V	BORONIA	0
ELTHAM	1	V	KNOX CITY B	0
S,BROOK		V	KNOX CITY C	
OAKLEIGH		V	H,TON PK	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M,bark	9	8	1	0	47	1	17
G/W.Ley	9	6	2	1	34	10	14
Eltham	9	6	1	2	20	8	13
H,ton P	8	6	0	2	40	9	12
Oakleig	8	4	2	2	26	11	10
B,don P	8	3	3	2	15	10	9
S,vale	9	4	1	4	21	23	9
Boronia	9	3	2	4	10	33	8
Knox Ct	8	2	3	3	25	10	7
Knox Ct	8	1	1	6	8	40	3
S,brook	8	0	0	8	5	36	0
Bri,ton	9	0	0	9	3	63	0

NORTHERN

N,COLL UTD	V	MEL,CRUSII	
FAWKNER	V	LALOR UTD	
BYE	V	T,TOWN	
PRESTON A	V	LALOR	
H,BERG UTD	3	V	N,COTE CTY 1
MALVERN	1	V	B.U.JUVE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B.U.Juv	10	6	4	0	23	4	16
Fawkner	8	7	1	0	33	1	15
Lalor U	8	5	3	0	14	5	13
T,town	8	5	2	1	23	5	12
Mel.cro	8	2	3	3	20	15	7
Malvern	8	3	1	4	11	21	7
Lalor	8	2	2	4	5	27	6
Preston	8	2	1	5	11	17	5
N.coll	8	2	1	5	10	19	5
N,cote	9	2	0	7	14	22	4
H,berg	9	1	0	8	5	33	2

NTH/WEST A

NTH,RES	4	V	MEB,GATE	0
SUNBURY	0	V	SYD,PARK	1
REGENT		V	BYE	
ESS,DON	12	V	E/BUNB/DND	0
MEB,PARK		V	H,BERG B	
MEST SUBS		V	BYE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,res	8	8	0	0	67	3	16
Meet Bu	8	7	0	1	65	5	14
Ess,don	9	7	0	2	59	10	14
Regent	9	6	0	3	24	22	12
Syd,par	8	4	1	3	14	12	9
Sunbury	8	3	0	5	12	20	6
Mad,par	7	2	1	4	3	19	5
Wes,gat	8	1	0	7	7	33	2
E/buns/	8	1	0	7	7	60	2
H,berg	7	0	0	7	0	74	0

NTH/WEST B

MACCABI	0	V	KEON PARK	2
G,GULLY	1	V	LALOR UTD	2
ALTONA EAS	0	V	Y,VILLE B	0
MESTVALE		V	R,ANNA	
SUN,PARK		V	N,COTE CTY	
M,MEDS	4	V	PRESTON B	0
Sun,par	8	8	0	0	45	2	16
M,eads	10	7	2	1	28	8	16
Keon Pa	9	7	1	1	26	4	15
Westval	9	5	3	1	44	5	13

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
D.field	10	8	1	1	46	9	17
M.ala	9	8	0	1	40	4	16
Clayton	9	7	0	2	28	11	14
Mont.Ct	9	6	0	3	23	16	12
E.warrie	10	5	1	4	32	16	11
Brighto	10	4	3	3	17	16	11
L.warn	10	2	4	4	10	14	8
E.rich	9	2	3	4	9	18	7
E.bent	10	3	1	6	17	42	7
Baxter	10	2	1	7	6	35	5
Glen Ma	9	1	2	6	8	34	4
D.wong	9	1	0	8	11	36	2

CENTREN B

BERWICK B	3	V	CHELSEA	3
CONDORS	6	V	BRN.HAM	0
K.TON	0	V	MITCHAM B	6
B.GREENS	0	V	ELWOOD	2
BERWICK B	2	V	SS.VALE	1
VARDALE	0	V	C.BOURNE	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C.hawn	10	9	1	0	22	6	19
Elwood	10	8	0	2	60	6	16
Condors	10	7	2	1	47	12	16
Bayford	10	7	1	2	37	16	15
Mitcham	10	6	1	3	39	13	13
B.green	10	4	3	3	12	10	11
Bu.vale	10	4	1	5	20	15	9
Chelsea	10	3	1	6	20	27	7
Berwick	10	2	3	5	13	35	7
San.Hun	10	2	1	7	12	44	5
Kartinga	10	1	0	9	3	53	2
K.ton	10	0	0	10	7	59	0

EASTERN A

BERWICK A	0	V	BENETON	0
F.HILL		V	BEAFORD A	
D.RAMERS		V	M.BARK	
CLARINDA	0	V	F.STON UTD	2
S.VALE CITY		V	MITCHAM A	
VENDALE		V	WAV.UTD	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	9	9	0	0	33	10	18
Mitcham	9	6	2	1	35	4	14
F.HILL	9	6	2	1	30	7	14
S.vale	9	6	0	3	23	10	12
Berwick	10	4	4	2	19	8	12
F.ston	10	5	2	3	16	9	12
Dawson	10	4	3	3	19	14	11
Clarind	10	4	1	5	13	19	9
Wav.utd	9	2	1	6	11	21	5
B.rover	9	1	1	7	8	27	3
M.bark	8	0	0	8	2	36	0
Mondulk	8	0	0	8	3	47	0

NORTHERN A

M.KIES	2	V	PRESTON	0
M.MED	3	V	FAWKNER	2
REGENT	1	V	T.TOWN	1
B.U.JUVE	0	V	BULLEEN	1
M.BERG UTD		V	BYE	
MALVERN	0	V	LALOR	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	9	8	1	0	22	4	17
Regent	9	4	4	1	26	10	12
M.rose	8	4	3	1	19	13	11
Bulleen	9	4	3	2	10	6	11
M.berg	9	4	2	3	10	9	10
Preston	10	2	4	4	9	13	8
B.U.Juv	9	2	3	4	9	9	7
M.wel	9	2	3	4	10	11	7
L.stan	8	1	4	3	8	12	6
Fawkner	8	2	1	5	10	22	5
Malvern	8	0	2	6	5	29	2

NORTHERN B

E.BRUNSWK	V	M.CROATIA	
LALOR UTD	V	BYE	
KEON PK	V	BYE	
ELTHAM	3	V	PT.MELB 4
G.BORO	V	M.COTE CITY	
COLDON	V	BUNDOORA	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor U	7	7	0	0	55	4	14
M.croat	8	4	3	1	34	5	11
Eas.don	8	5	1	2	21	10	11
E.bruns	7	4	2	1	13	6	10
N.cote	8	4	0	4	16	15	8
Pt.melb	8	3	2	3	14	17	8
Keon Pk	8	3	0	5	14	26	6
G.boro	8	1	2	5	8	26	4
Eltham	9	1	2	6	15	36	4
Bundoor	9	1	1	4	8	27	3

WESTERN A

SUN PARK	V	MELTON		
BYE	V	ALTONA CITY		
E.ALTONA	V	ST ALBANS		
N.DEE	0	V	SUN.HTS	2
BYE	V	BYE		
N.POLARITY	1	V	KEILOR	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sun.hts	6	5	0	1	16	2	10
St Alba	5	4	1	0	15	2	9
N.gow	6	4	1	1	15	4	9
Sun Par	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Melton	6	2	1	3	2	5	5
Altona	6	2	1	3	12	18	5
Keilor	6	1	0	5	3	14	2
E.alton	6	1	0	5	4	19	2
N/pk/as	5	0	1	4	2	13	1

WESTERN B

SYD PARK	V	BYE		
BRUNTONS	V	BYE		
BYE	V	ALTONA EAST		
WTH.SUN	V	W.VALE		
GEORGE I	V	ALBION		
W.SUBS	V	MELB CITY		

Wth.Sun	6	6	0	0	50	0	12
Altona	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
W.vale	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
W.subs	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brinton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

B.MARIS	5	V	DONC.R	
CROYDON		V	L.WARN	
E/RICH		V	M/BARK	
CLARINDA	8	V	SEAFORD	0
LYNDALE	0	V	BENT GR	3
WAVERLEY CT		V	C.BOURNE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent Gr	10	7	2	1	37	8	16
Clarind	10	7	2	1	32	10	16
B.maris	10	5	3	2	43	18	13
Donc.R	10	5	3	2	23	12	13
Lyndale	10	5	3	2	20	11	13
E/rich	9	5	2	2	23	13	12
Seaford	10	4	0	6	17	38	8
Wav/lny	9	3	1	5	18	23	7
C.bourn	9	1	4	4	5	18	6
L.warn	9	2	0	7	12	30	4
M/bark	9	1	2	6	9	32	4
Croydon	9	1	0	8	11	37	2

EASTERN B

BYE	V	HASTINGS	
F.HILL	V	SPARY	
M.TON	2	V	WAV.UTD 7
SS/VALE	0	V	MONBULK 0
MORDI	13	V	R.WOOD CITY 2
E.BENT	7	V	HAMPTON 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mordi	9	6	3	0	49	3	15
Wav.utd	9	7	1	1	51	7	15
E.bent	9	7	1	1	49	7	15
Ss/vale	9	4	3	2	20	8	11
Hawthn	9	5	0	4	39	30	10
R.wood	9	4	2	3	26	27	10
F.hill	9	3	2	4	20	23	8
M.ton	9	2	1	6	15	33	5
Sandy	8	2	0	6	13	40	4
Mondulk	8	1	1	6	10	36	3
Hasting	9	0	1	8	4	84	1

NTH/WEST A

FAWKNER	V	MELB.CROAT	
BYE	V	ALT.CY	
REGENT	V	ALT.GATE	
LALOR UTD	V	NTH.SUN	
LALOR	V	N'COTE	
WEST.SUBS	V	BRUN.CY	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	9	6	3	0	36	6	15
Alt.Cy	9	6	1	2	26	12	13
West.Su	8	6	0	2	33	11	12
Regent	7	5	2	0	20	4	12
Alt.Gat	8	4	3	1	11	8	11
Melb.Cr	8	4	0	4	24	12	8
N'cote	7	2	2	3	9	16	6
Lalor U	7	2	0	5	13	16	4
Nth.Sun	7	1	1	5	9	20	3
Lalor	8	0	1	7	4	42	1
Brun.Cy	8	0	1	7	2	40	1

NTH/WEST B

CLIF.HILL	V	BYE	
NEW.COLL	V	BYE	
E.GEEL	0	V	T.TOWN 5
S.S.I.		V	ALBION
ESS.CY	6	V	MORELAND 1
M.KONG		V	SYD.PK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ess.Cy	8	7	1	0	47	4	15
Morelan	9	5	2	2	21	12	12
T.Town	7	5	1	1	33	8	11
S.S.I.	7	5	1	1	27	8	11
Albion	7	4	1	2	25	14	9
E.Geel	8	2	2	4	12	19	6
Syd.Pk	7	2	0	5	11	34	4
Clif.Hi	8	2	0	6	6	29	4
New.Col	6	0	2	4	2	20	2
M.Kong	7	0	0	7	5	41	0

NTH/WEST C

BYE	V	ROSANNA	
KEON.PK	V	B.MEADOWS	
WESTGATE	V	YARRAVILLE	
ELTHAM	2	V	NTH.UTD 2
PRESTON B	V	M.FIEL RAN	
MERRIBEE	3	V	SUNBURY 0
Yarravi	8	8	0	0	49	4	16
Preston	8	6	1	1	27	10	13
Werribe	9	6	1	2	24	13	13
Nth.Utd	9	3	4	2	19	21	10
Keon.Pk	8	4	1	3	22	13	9
Rosanna	9	4	0	5	19	25	8
Westgat	8	2	2	4	14	21	6
Eltham	9	2	2	5	15	28	6
Sunbury	8	2	1	5	13	25	5
M.Fiel	8	2	1	5	5	20	5
B.Meado	8	0	1	7	2	29	1

RICOH S/LEAGUE

KARINGAL	V	S/VALE CITY	
C.FIELD CT	0	V	H/BERG UTD 1
E.ALTONA	V	PRESTON A	
B.U.JUVE	V	F/STON UTD	
G.GULLY	1	V	MITCHAM 1
ST ALBANS	2	V	CLAYTON 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	9	6	2	1	28	14	14
H/berg	9	6	2	1	14	7	14
Mitchae	10	5	3	2	12	10	13
B.u.Juv	9	5	2	2	20	6	12
Preston	9	5	2	2	22	12	12
E.alton	9	5	1	3	19	10	11
St Alba	10	4	2	4	14	21	10
G.gully	10	3	3	4	16	21	9
F/ston	9	3	1	5	14	17	7
C.Field	10	1	3	6	11	23	5
Karinga	9	1	2	6	10	24	4
Clayton	9	0	1	8	8	23	1

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

NUNA	V	G.LEIGH	
SS/VALE	0	V	SEAFORD 3
B.MARIS	0	V	BULLEEN 1
CLARINDA		V	BYE
BYE		V	MITCHAM
F/STON UTD	11	V	WAV UTD 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	8	6	0	2	24	10	12
G.leigh	7	5	1	1	25	8	11
F/ston	8	4	3	1	22	9	11
Clarind	8	3	4	1	24	11	10
Mitchae	8	3	3	2	16	5	9
Nunu	7	3	3	1	21	19	9
Bulleen	8	4	0	4	8	14	8
Ss/vale	8	2	1	5	14	22	5
Wav Utd	8	1	1	6	6	29	3
B.maris	8	0	0	8	12	45	0

EASTERN B

BERWICK	V	BYE		
C.FIELD	2	V	S/VALE CTY	1
WAV CTY	V	PK.MORE		
F.T.G	0	V	G.WAV	0
S/VALE UTD	V	BOX HILL		
MACCABI	0	V	OAK SUBS	11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oak Sub	8	7	1	0	43	7	15
Wav Cty	8	6	2	0	49	2	14
Pk.more	8	5	1	2	36	12	11
Berwick	9	5	1	3	18	19	11
C.field	8	4	2	2	19	13	10
S/vale	8	4	1	3	26	14	9
G.wav	6	0	6	0	1	1	6
S/vale	9	2	2	5	13	19	6
Box Hil	8	2	1	5	15	42	5
F.T.G	9	1	1	7	14	38	3
Maccabi	8	0	0	8	2	66	0

EASTERN C

D.WONG	V	CLAYTON		
BYE	V	L.WARRIN		
CHELSEA	0	V	DONC.ROV	5
CROYDON	V	F.STON UTD		
SHER.RANG	0	V	HASTINGS	0
BAXTER	2	V	OAKLEIGH B	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croydon	8	6	2	0	46	14	14
L.Warri	8	6	2	0	29	2	14
Donc.Ro	9	6	1	2	34	7	13
Sher.Ra	9	3	4	2	25	12	10
Chelsea	9	4	2	3	20	19	10
Clayton	8	4	1	3	18	26	9
Oakleig	8	3	1	4	18	25	7
Hasting	9	2	3	4	8	29	7
F.Ston	8	2	2	4	24	18	6
Baxter	9	2	0	7	9	40	4
D.Nong	9	0	0	9	12	51	0

NTH/WEST A

CLIFTON	V	M/CROATIA	
BYE	V	ALTONA CITY	
G.GULLY	V	BYE	
GEORGE I	V	S/SHINE PK	
H.BERG UTD	V	N.COTE	
MALVERN	V	BYE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
George	7	5	2	0	15	6	12
G.gully	7	5	0	2	24	11	10
M/croat	6	4	1	1	22	6	9
Clifton	7	4	1	2	6	10	9
Altona	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
N.cote	6	2	0	4	6	12	4
S/shine	5	1	1	3	5	12	3
Malvern	7	1	0	6	9	16	2
H.berg	6	1	0	5	4	19	2

NTH/WEST B

N.RESERVOI	V	M.MEADOWS	
ESS.CY	V	BYE	
LALOR	V	T.TOWN	
M.KONG UTD	V	GEELONG	
WESTGATE	V	LALOR UTD	
BYE	V	BYE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Reser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geelong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Meado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westgat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NTH/WEST C

BYE	V	ROSANNA	
BYE	V	CORIO/G.LD	
WILLIAMSTO	11	V	MELTON 2
BYE	V	ALBION	
PORT MELB	10	V	S.SHINE PA 2
BRUNS CITY	6	V	BELL PARK 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Me	7	6	1	0	36	5	13
Corio/g	8	6	1	1	30	9	13
Albion	6	5	1	0	29	4	11
Bruns C	7	4	2	1	25	15	10
William	7	3	0	4	22	22	6
Melton	8	2	2	4	20	32	6
S.Shine	8	1	2	5	6	28	4
Rosanna	7	1	1	5	2	19	3
Bell Pa	8	1	0	7	11	32	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

FAWKNER	V	S/VALE CTY		
F.HILL	V	S.SHINE HT		
REGENT	V	E.BENT		
JUVE	V	PEN		
N.GEEL	1	V	LALOR UTD	6
KNOX	V	PRESTON		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.hill	9	7	1	1	23	7	15
Pen	9	7	0	2	23	4	14
S/vale	9	6	1	2	23	4	13
Lalor U	9	6	0	3	24	10	12
N.geel	10	5	2	3	14	15	12
Preston	9	5	1	3	17	9	11
Juve	8	3	3	2	9	5	9
S.shine	9	2	2	5	18	18	6
Regent	9	2	2	5	5	15	6
Fawkner	9	1	3	5	9	20	5
E.bent	9	1	1	7	7	45	3
Knox	9	1	0	8	7	27	2

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

BRIGHTON	0	V	S/VALE CTY	3
C.FIELD	3	V	S/VALE CTY	0
BENT.GREEN	0	V	HAWTHORN	0
CLARINDA	1	V	M.BARK A	1
LYNDALE A		V	OAK A	
MALVERN		V	WAV.UTD	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	10	8	2	0	31	1	18
C.Field	10	8	2	0	26	7	18
Clarind	9	6	1	2	26	7	13
Oak A	8	6	1	1	21	12	13
Malvern	9	4	2	3	16	14	10
Hawthor	10	3	3	4	14	14	9
Brighto	10	3	2	5	20	18	8
S/vale	10	4	0	6	8	18	8
Wav.utd	9	2	3	4	9	14	7
Bent.gr	10	2	1	7	8	26	5
Lyndale	9	1	1	7	9	38	3
M.bark	10	0	2	8	3	22	2

EASTERN B

F.HILL	8	V	LYNDALE B	0
OAK B		V	L.WARN	
S.DANDY		V	BYE	
M.BARK B		V	MONBULK	
E.RICH	0	V	R.WOOD CITY	0
DINGLEY		V	HAMPTON	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	8	6	2	0	20	5	14
Oak B	8	5	3	0	26	7	13
E.rich	9	6	1	2	27	10	13
L.warn	8	5	0	3	14	12	10
R.wood	9	3	3	3	19	14	9
S.dandy	9	4	1	4	16	17	9
F.hill	9	4	0	5	21	21	8
Lyndale	9	2	3	4	9	19	7
M.bark	9	1	2	6	5	20	4
Monbulk	8	1	2	5	9	26	4
Dingley	8	0	3	5	6	21	3

NTH/WEST A

BYE	V	ESS.DON	
MEL CTY	V	BYE	
BYE	V	Y.VILL	
M.MEADOWS	V	NTH UTD	
H.BERG UTD	V	BRUNS CTY	
CLIFTON	V	BYE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth Utd	7	4	3	0	21	3	11
H.berg	5	4	0	1	16	12	8
Y.vill	7	2	3	2	11	9	7
Clifton	8	3	1	4	12	18	7
Mel Cty	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
M.meado	5	2	0	3	13	6	4
Ess.don	5	1	2	2	4	9	4
Bruns C	5	0	0	5	2	30	0

NTH WEST B

BYE	V	SUN.HGTS		
BYE	V	S.S.I.		
ALT.EAST	V	LAL.UTD		
NTH/GEEL	3	V	ALT.GATE	3
BYE	V	N.COTE		
WERRIBEE	4	V	LALOR	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth/gee	6	5	1	0	23	9	11
S.S.I.	7	5	0	2	23	7	10
Alt.Gat	8	4	1	3	22	21	9
Alt.Eas	6	4	0	2	18	8	8
N.Cote	7	4	0	3	20	17	8
Lal.Utd	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
Sun.Hgt	6	2	0	4	7	18	4
Werribe	7	1	0	6	14	24	2
Lalor	7	0	1	6	6	30	1

NTH/WEST C

W.VALE	V	CROATIA B		
ASCOT. ST	1	V	B.MEADOWS	0
E.GEEL	V	BYE		
BYE	V	BYE		
MEADOW PK	0	V	SUNBURY	0
BYE	V	BUNDOORA		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoor	6	6	0	0	27	6	12
E.geel	5	3	2	0	7	2	8
Ascot.	6	2	3	1	5	4	7
B.meado	7	3	1	3	15	16	7
Sunbury	6	0	3	3	6	10	3
W.vale	4	1	1	2	4	8	3
Meadow	5	0	3	2	0	14	3
Croatia	5	0	1	4	4	8	1

RICOH S/LEAGUE

BERWICK	V	MELB.CR A		
BAT.SVALE	1	V	PRAHRAN	0
DONC.ROV	V	T.TOWN		
BU.JUVE	V	FAWKNER		
ST.ALB	3	V	MITCHAM	0
W.SUBS	V	PRESTON		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melb.Cr	9	8	0	1	36	5	16
Bu.Juve	9	7	1	1	25	8	15
W.Subs	8	5	2	1	22	4	12
Preston	9	4	3	2	19	17	11
Fawkner	7	4	2	1	19	15	10
Berwick	9	3	3	3	20	15	9
Sht.Sva	10	3	2	5	13	30	8
Mitcham	10	3	1	6	15	19	7
Donc.Ro	8	3	1	4	10	17	7
St.Alb	10	3	0	7	13	36	6
Prahran	10	1	2	7	10	23	4
T.Town	9	1	1	7	6	19	3

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

BYE	V	MEL.CTY		
S/VALE UTD	V	SEAFORD		
E.RICH	0	V	SS/VALE	0
MORDI	V	F.STON UTD		
BYE	V	MITCHAM		
CONDORS	1	V	DANDY	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.ston	7	7	0	0	36	5	14
Mordi	6	5	0	1	13	8	10
Mel.cty	7	4	1	2	20	9	9
Condors	7	4	1	2	21	15	9
E.rich	8	4	1	3	17	14	9
Ss/vale	8	2	3	3	10	17	7
S/vale	8	3	0	5	23	19	6
Seaford	7	2	1	4	9	28	5
Dandy	8	1	2	5	10	32	4
Mitcham	8	0	1	7	8	29	1

EASTERN B

M.BARK	V	KARINGAL		
C/WOOD	V	C/BOURNE		
F.T.G	V	DONC		
K.BORO	3	V	F/STON UTD	0
CHELSEA	4	V	HASTINGS	1
BYE	V	OAK SUBS		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oak Sub	8	6	1	1	25	7	13
F.T.G	8	6	1	1	28	11	13
C/wood	6	6	0	0	45	5	12
F/ston	9	5	1	3	21	15	11
K.boro	9	5	0	4	28	17	10
Chelsea	9	4	2	3	23	25	10
Donc	7	3	2	2	24	13	8
M.bark	8	1	3	4	13	26	5
Karinga	8	1	2	5	13	26	4
C/bourn	9	0	3	6	13	28	3
Hasting	9	0	1	8	7	67	1

NTH/WEST A

BYE	V	CROATIA	
BYE	V	BYE	
REGENT	V	ALBION	
GEEL CTY	V	NTH UTD	
BYE	V	BYE	
SYD PK	V	M.MEADOWS	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croatia	5	4	1	0

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

BULLEEN 0
CROYDON CITY 0
Soccer matches that finish as scoreless draws can usually be labelled as boring affairs.

This definitely was not the case at Bulleen last Saturday where, despite the mud and bitter weather, both teams put on a sparkling performance of skill and hard running with near misses and close shaves by both teams.

Bulleen started off in great style with the experienced Lujic leading the way and a string of corners nearly brought success.

Mirko Runje, whose very presence seems to blot out the goal mouth made an excellent save from a pile driver of a free kick from Bulleen's Manou, and with McKintosh and Ian Dobson keeping a tight rein on the middle, Bulleen's chances were few.

Croydon suffered a setback when fullback Paul Lansburg had to leave the field and his overlapping runs and precision crosses were sorely missed by Croydon for the rest of the game.

Substitute, Quigley made his presence felt with good midfield work and, true to the day, Goran Runje's shot ballooned over the bar from close in.

The second half was full of interest for the surprisingly good crowd, who braved the wintery conditions and Angle and O'Keefe, for Bulleen, went close as did McKintosh at the opposition.

Croydon's defense, however, were in great form and showed how, with Dobson's shrewed marking and direction, why his team has conceded only six goals in 16 games.

A good game and a credit for the State League. This Sunday Croydon plays another local Derby game against old rival Box Hill and these games always provide plenty of action.

MORWELL FALCONS 5
FAWKNER 0
Pulling surprises out of the hat seems to be the in thing at Morwell.

Last home game there saw bottom-positioned Maribyrnong take the points away from the Latrobe Valley Club but last Saturday saw a complete reversal of form as the home team absolutely annihalated visiting club Fawkner.

Strikers Billy Wright, and Ron Manley had tied their sharpshooting boots on nice and tight for the occasion with Wright scoring yet another hat trick and Manley, in only his second game in this country, scoring the other two.

It was a delight to watch for the big crowd of Falcons' supporters as it was obvious from the kick off that the home team had really got things together and was on top of the visitors.

At the 14th minute, Effie Cassar controlled the ball well on the left wing and centred it perfectly for Wright to slam past Fawkners 'keeper Rob Terzini.

Only three minutes later Jeff Doyle found himself in almost the same place on the left wing and floated the ball into the area for Wright to head in his second goal.

Fawkner attempted to take Wright out of the game but was unwise as within the next 10 minutes both Andy O'Dell and Robert Ferla were the recipients of yellow cards from referee Ziggi Mnich as they hacked at the New Zealander's legs.

At the 33rd minute Wright was again on the attack and in the penalty area when he was ceriminiously brought to the turf by Tony Schipano and Mr Mnich pointed to the spot.

Despite a split shinpad from the tackle, Wright lined up behind the spot kick and nicely found the bottom corner as Terzini went the other way.

At the break, Schipano was changed with M. Ferrer and a bit of play acting went on as Ferla flung himself to the ground as Billy Wright ran past a good two metres away.

The drama caused the referee to halt the game and but for the alertness of linesman Jim Taneski who related the tale to Wright may have been penalised for nothing.

Manley came into the picture at the 72nd minute when he dribbled past Tony Cosentino then sidestepped Terzini to score his first and Falcons fourth.

Fawkner made another change bringing on A. Marasio for David Hanna but the change made no difference as Wright continued to force his way through the front.

At the 84th minute Wright took the ball through from the middle and beat the opposition on the left flank and appeared to line up for a shot at goal. Seeing Manley coming in at the opposite post, Wright sent the ball behind the advancing defenders for Manley to slam into an open goal.

Darko Basara replaced Manley with about six minutes to go without any real force, but the last-minute drama came from Jim Nelson, who sent a scorching back pass to Reynolds who had to scramble back and only just stopped it before it reached the line. Nelson said after the game that he did that on purpose to liven up the crowd.

A likely story.

E.H.

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RINGWOOD CITY 0
ALTONA GATE 6
When Altona Gate slipped into top gear after the interval it rang rings around the Ringwood City defence and, with Vlado Tortevski master in mid-field, Ringwood wilted under pressure.

Ringwood was able to match Altona Gate in the first half, even creating some reasonable chances although Altona Gate looked the better, faster team of all the time. After an attractive first half the score at half time remained nil-all.

Six minutes into the second half, Tortevski scored with a mighty goal from 20 metres out to give Altona Gate a 1-0 lead. Tortevski then took complete control of the midfield and started the onslaught on Ringwood, putting Georgievski through for number 2 just four minites later, the same player scoring number three after 20 minutes.

The men in orange were not able to lift their game, Altona Gate came back for more launching attack after attack and it was no wonder that more goals were coming. McMullen scored twice in five minutes to seal the game for Altona Gate.

It was Nicoski who put the cream on the cake two minutes later, beating a completely deflated and devastated Ringwood defence.

A great game by Altona Gate with an outstanding performance by Tortevski.

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Victorian League Divsiion Three

ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 4
YALLOURN 1
Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton, Stanaway, Love, Giacomi, Culham, Atkins, (Petrucelli 56m), Jankulovski, Tucker, B. Coyle, Johanssen, Cirka.
Yallourn: Gibson, Collings, Howard, Smith, Welsh, Browne, M. Hiriart (sent off 83m), Coad, Blanche, Howard, Umit (sent off 71m.)
A controversial penalty in the 80th minute set Valley on the road to victory.

Although they had dominated the second half, Valley found it difficult to finish and it looked as if they would have to be content with a share of the points.

It took both sides some time to come to grips with the heavy conditions. Jankulovski and Cirra stood out for Valley with Love well in control in defence. Yallourn's drive came from Browne and Hiriart with Umit always a danger around goals.

Johanssen had a header kicked off the line in the 10th minute and, shortly after, Hamilton pulled off a brilliant save from a browne free kick at the other end.

Umit put the visitors ahead after 28 minutes when Hamilton failed to hold a fierce shot. It took only eight minutes for Valley to equalise when Giacomi scored in a goal-mouth scramble following a corner.

Valley was well in control with Brian Coyle and Cirka in top form, but there was no further score before the break.

The second half was all Valley, Cirka and Coyle led the Yallourn defence a merry dance but although chances were created, three "goals" were disallowed, and the score-line remained unchanged.

Ten minutes from time Valley was awarded a penalty, hotly disputed by Yallourn. Jankulovski stood patiently amidst the fuss and coolly tucked the ball away. There was no doubt about the second penalty and that was converted equally well.

The goal of the game came four minutes from the end when Coyle hit a thunderbolt from all of 30 metres into the top corner of the goal giving Gibson no chance of saving.

G.K.

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Geelong Soccer

At the half-way stage in the Victorian League season, Geelong has all five teams in the top four positions on their respective ladders.

In Division Two, North Geelong's 3-0 win over Sunbury United carried it into second place, but Geelong fell 4-0 away to Waverley City and dropped to fourth.

Sveto Rastocic volleyed home John Hrkac's cross to put North on its way and Robert Cosic executed a neat overhead kick, following a corner, to set up Danny Ward for a short range header and the second goal.

Ward then went off on a solo run and when he was bought down in the box, Paul Masterton made no mistake with the penalty kick.

Geelong set out with a five-man defence against Waverley City, but the containment plan came unstuck when keeper, Sean Howe, was adjudged to have fouled a Waverley striker, and the home team went one-up from the spot.

A long-range grounder brought Waverley's second, and bad marking contributed to the third, but there could be no complaints about the skilful one-touch soccer which led to Waverley's fourth and best goal.

Joe Malesic made his debut after signing from North, while David Kraxic and Scott McFarlane came off the bench, but to no avail for Geelong.

Bell Park continues to lead Division Three after a fine 4-2 win over Holland Park/Anstey United. New signing, Mark Linney, made a good debut for Park, setting up Tommy Cumming after five minutes, but the little striker's shot plugged on the line and a defender cleared. George Watters put Cumming away again, and this time he made certain. Linney carved the opening for Cumming's second goal.

Steve Scerri banged home a short free kick by George Watters and Lino Mazza converted after good approach work by Cumming. Sonny Sevin carried Holland Park/Anstey's most potent threat in his final match before joining the Institute of Sport in Canberra, but the home team's only goal was a penalty kick taken by Marshall late in the second half.

Corio-Geelong United demolished Hawthorn 4-1 at Hume Reserve. Hawthorn took the lead in a scramble after a corner kick and held on till the interval.

Brendan Lakic equalised after 57 minutes and, from then on, Corio-Geelong United was always on top.

Slobodan Bosevski made it two, Bozo Medved came up from the back for the third, and Lakic rounded it off.

hawthorn did have a couple of chances on the break, but the ball would not run on the heavy ground.

In Division Four, Hamlyn Rangers beat Ferntree Gully 2-1 in its away game to retain third on the ladder. Stephen McAuliffe continued his fine scoring run to put Hamlyn ahead and a few minutes later he thumped another goal shot against the bar. Ferntree Gully hit back and there were only 10 minutes to play when Darren Nelson secured the points for Rangers. Rangers did have the majority of the play in a good combined team performance.

Both Provisional League matches were postponed.

-Roy Hay

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CAULFIELD CITY 3 (Pappas 70th, & 81st, Bitsonis 38th)
BOX HILL 0
In a spirited encounter Box Hill was defeated by Caulfield City 3-0 at Wembley Park last Sunday.

With both teams desperate for a win, there was plenty of open soccer played in each half, however, as the end of the day a luckless Box Hill found itself having to cop

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two goals in the space of three minutes to go down fighting.

During the first twenty minutes of the match the Hillmen dominated proceedings but with the wet conditions to cope with the stranglehold could not be maintained for the entire match.

In the 38th minute a Caulfield attack proved fatal for the home side.

Kenny Drakeford sent a magnificent pass thirty yards across the park to Danny Zemunik, who with one touch took the sting out of the ball whilst setting John Bitsonis the chance to follow through and narrowly beat John McKinlay.

Bitsonis' effort from six yards managed to squeeze just inside the near post and a relieved Caulfield side held the one goal advantage into the break.

The second half was full of controversy, goals and fiery action.

In the 77th minute Box Hill scored what seemed a perfect goal, however play was called back for offside.

A cross from the left wing into the penalty area was punched clear by 'keeper Nick Koletsas only as far as Paul Cooper, who drove his shot through a packed *goalmouth and into the* back of the net.

As the Box Hill supporters and players celebrated the Clayton's equaliser referee Jim Hogg was consulting his linesman and decided that the goal would not stand because of a Box Hill player caught in an offside position.

therefore the scores remained at 1-0 in favour of Caulfield.

Whilst the Box Hill players were still fuming over the incident it lead to a breakdown in concentration, which allowed Caulfield to take full advantage of the situation and score twice in the next three minutes to wrap up the match.

In the 79th minute Andrew Theoharous picked up a loose ball on the left wing and made a run towards the goal.

In the process he beat two players before cracking a shot which McKinlay could only parry into the path of Con Pappas, who made no mistake from a few metres out.

Unable to recover from another setback Box Hill fell further behind as the score was increased to 3-0 a minute later.

Koletsas booted a huge kick upfield and over the defensive line, allowing Pappas to run onto and fend off a challenge from Craig Davidson, before tucking the ball past McKinlay and across the line.

The score allows Caulfield to keep in touch with the Top Four, whilst Box Hill could be grateful that only one out of the ten bottom teams clinched a victory during the weekend.

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MOOROOLBARK 0 BROADMEADOWS 1

An almost impenetrable five-man defence was the ploy that finally toppled Mooroolbark in Victorian Soccer League division One.

The Barkers lost their first match for the season on Saturday, going down 1-0 to Broadmeadows at home.

But with games in hand, the team still sits on top of the table.

The home side dominated play for most of the match but just couldn't put the ball in the net.

All credit must go to Broadmeadows for a disciplined defensive effort.

It defended resolutely and scored the crucial goal, against the run of play, 22 minutes into the second half when Bogolovski broke through from midfield and slashed the ball into the right hand corner of the net.

Mooroolbark came close to scoring on several occasions.

After 15 minutes John Nyholt hit the upright and from the rebound player coach Graham French hit the crossbar.

Mooroolbark had all the play in the second half, and Nyholt was again denied by centimetres after being put through by Mick Turner.

Best players for Mooroolbark were Robbie Evans, Paul Cooke and Turner.

The Barkers are at home again this week v Werribee.

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WOLVES END UNBEATEN RUN

especially Adzic and Davidson.

Nevertheless, Pontidas was outstanding in midfield for Wollongong, while Pat Brodnik tried hard to attack and Mike Hollifield defended solidly.

Argentinian striker Walter Calbanese was again disappointing, managing only one shot at goal, which was saved easily by goalkeeper Mate Grgic in the 80th minute.

The victory brings second-place Croatia two points closer to league leader Marconi which lost 5-3 to Sydney Olympic.

SAINTS LEAP

Croatia had collected five of the possible six points while he was absent in Yugoslavia.

The Saints took their goals in fine style, scoring through Socceroo Scott Ollerenshaw (20 minutes), Tony Krslovic (45 minutes) and finishing off with a 62nd-minute goal from Matthew Bingley.

Krslovic's goal against the club he left earlier in the season heartened him immensely.

MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *TONY KRSLOVIC*

In addition he gave a tigerish display over the entire 90 minutes, continually penetrating the Croatia defence.

Rozic replaced injured Socceroo striker Graham Arnold with David Seal in the second half but the youngster couldnot find the goal.

It was only when Croatia were three goals down that it mounted sustained attacks, but St George's tenacious defence was more than equal to the task.

In the 68th minute, Saints' fullback David Green was called upon to head off the line following a searing Alan Hunter free kick.

Three minutes later, Saint Mike Grbevski cleared off the line from Manis Lamond's drive and in the 84th minute Mark Jones's shot was blocked by a brave save from St George keeper Mike Gibson, with Lamond butchering his opportunity from the rebound.

Considering the treacherous surface, the game flowed well without becoming a top spectacle.

Referee Jim Reeves only had to issue one yellow card caution, which went ot St George midfielder David Ratcliffe towards the end.

SCHINTLER RESERVE — REF HITS OUT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to pick him up from his hotel very early on Sunday morning.

"I picked up Mr Matic at 6.30 am and we went together to Schintler Reserve to make a 7 am inspection.

"That was necessary because the Adelaide City party was booked on the 9.30 am flight.

"Mr Matic and I borrowed gum-boots and inspected the pitch with Mr Alf Bulic and Mr Frank Simunovic of JUST and decided it was unfit for play.

"It was so bad that at the railway end, just in front of the penalty area, my foot came out of the gumboot as I went to take another step . . . the mud was more than ankle deep.

"It was obvious to me that no effort whatsoever had been made to make the ground playable subsequent to my Saturday morning inspection.

"We adjourned to the JUST office and phoned NSL manager Mr Peter Russell, and Mr Matic suggested moving the game to an alternative venue, possibly Middle Prk.

"Mr Russell was in agreement, but the JUST officials flatly refused.

"Contrary to what I have read since, at no time did anyone try to persuade me to alter my decision, not that I would have done so anyway, and I left with no hard feelings being expressed.

"Mr Matic, after reporting to his Chairman Mr Charlie Caruso, made a written report of the whole affair to the NSL and has been kind enough to supply a copy.

"In his report Mr Matic said that there was no question that the ground was unplayable, 'fit only for pigs' was his description.

'He also commented, 'we were prepared to play at another venue, and we will play JUST anywhere they like . . . on the moon if necessary'.

"His report concludes, 'in view of the intolerable pressure that has unfairly been brought to bear on Mr Voutsinas over the matter, I would like to suggest that a Sydney referee be appointed for this game whenever it is played'.

Voutsinas says, "I was extremely disappointed to hear later that a junior match had gone ahead on the ground later, but it doesn't make my decision the wrong one.

"There is a very great deal of difference between a junior match between two Under/12 teams with nothing at stake and a NSL game that thousands of people would pay money to watch and in which vital matters of relegation and finals chances were at stake.

"To have played the game there and then would have been unsafe for the players and unfair to the public and the rest of the NSL clubs.

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dislocated patella, is not as serious as was at first thought and he should be back for the finals series, but coming on top of serious injuries to Mark Talajic and Con Opasinis, it was the last thing that coach Ivan Reznjevic wanted.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE — Contd. from page 1

unmarked Con Adamoulis at the 17th minute.

Eight minutes later Ali Ceri weaved through a slack Windsor defence to knock in the equaliser.

Windsor looked all at sea as its players struggled to cope with the speed of the Young Turks. It was only an opportunistic Sam Ioannidis, capitalising on a Youth United defensive error, which restored Windsor's calm.

The half-time break came 20 seconds later, and during the interval some hard talking must have been done because, on the resumption, Windsor went berserk, knocking in a further six goals through Chris Katurgoglu (three), Owens, Polyhronakis and Ioannidis.

The 8-1 win has given Windsor a very healthy plus 18 goal difference, which means it has only to pick up a point on Hampton Park to regain the leadership of this division.

Coomoora Spiders continued its run of recent good form with a convincing 3-0 win over Glenroy Doxa. For the Spiders, Gerard Debanze scored at the 17th and 80th minutes and Clement Roussety at the 70th. The Spiders are now playing a very disciplined brand of fast and skilful football and will need only an ounce of luck to be a definite threat to the Championship aspirations of the Big Two.

In Division Two Mixed, Croatan Athletic positively murdered Oakleigh City 5-0 to move to the head of the table two points clear of Tottenham, with Harambee a further two points back. But Tottenham and Harambee both have two games in hand on the leaders, from which Tottenham, for its part, needs only two points to go back to the lead by virtue of its massive goal difference.

The long awaited challenge between glamour teams Tottenham and Harambee failed to get off the ground. The Tottenham pitch was a soupy mire which proved to be so dangerous that the match was abandoned within minutes of its beginning.

It seems inconceivable to the casual observer that such primitive facilites are provided to the three clubs using the Hansen Reserve.

Very little seems to be done in regard to the pitches themselves, the clubs are provided with no real changing facilities, there are no showers, no toilets, and even the *nearest water tap is some* 200 metres distant.

It is not an edifying sight to see players bucketing water from the pools on the ground to sluice enough mud off their bodies to allow them to get into their cars to drive home for a hot shower. While we realise that councils are viciously starved of funds for recreational purposes, we really do believe something more could be done to provide the barest of basic amenities.

Division Three East is all wrapped up. Dallas has skipped away to a four-point lead and will not be headed.

Laminex, its nearest rival had a remarkable win over one time pretenders Essendon Tramways when, with only nine fit men available, it derailed the Trammies 6-3.

Meanwhile, the other possible contenders, Taxation United, Keeley Kings, Preston Tramways and Bowater, have a distressing facility for knocking one another off with no apparent regard for form. Ho hum, says Dallas, it makes it all too easy!

While St Albans Dynamo still heads Division Three West, it very nearly came unstuck against a fiercely determined Ardeer, and was very relieved to come away from Sunday's encounter with a 1-1 draw. Ardeer is improving all the time, and while it may not be a genuine challenger for champion-ship honours, it will certainly make it hard for any other team trying to catch the Dynamos.

The Dynamos nearest rival appears to be Altona North Tarsien, which trails the leaders by two points, has a game in hand and an only marginally less impressive goal difference. Sitting seven points off the lead Keilor Old Boys and St Albans Wanderers both have two games in hand, but neither can win them both as they play each other in one of them. Even conceding the extra four points, either would still trail the three front runners, and both seem to be too inconsistent to pose a real threat in the second half of the season.

Nippondenso and Whittlesea, which have both shown abysmal form of late, were the surprise packages of this round, with Nippondenso knocking over Altona Heights 4-3 (though even this could not lift it off the bottom of the table) to notch up its first points of the season. Whittlesea, meanwhile, leapfrogged King Park Heights by downing the Kings 2-1.

Epping Thistle has taken a temporary mortgage on the leadership of Division Four by downing Dingley United 3-0, as Sunshine Macedonia had its second match in a row *postponed.* The Macedonians need only one point from these two games to regain the lead on goal difference.

Eltham & Diamond Valley continued to regain the lead on goal difference.

Eltham & Diamond Valley continued its run of good form and has moved into third spot with a 2-0 win over Salesian Old Boys. Endeavour United has the same points as the Valleymen plus a game in hand, but as this game is against Sunshine Macedonia, Endeavour will have to show some real endeavour to pick up even a point from the encounter.

LATE NEWS FLASH! We have just heard from Radio Rumania that its beloved Melbourne team has downed the Springvale Eagles 8-2, with Cearly Popescu (2 pen.), Ion Jurcut (2), George Gottlieb, Constantin, Grigoras, Tom Puiu and Iva Stojkovici notching up the Rumanian tally, while for Springvale Eagles we believe that Victor Ibeas netted their two.

Wildly enthusiastic president of Melbourne Rumania, George Schioparlan, says this is the beginning of the end for Hampton Park, Windsor and anyone else who tries to get in their way.

Some hope, Sam!

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NSL — Sunday
SOUTH MELB. V APIA LEICHHARDT
SUNSHINE V BLACKTOWN CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA V ST GEORGE
YOUTH LEAGUE — Sunday
MALVERN CITY V MELB. CROATIA
CLIFTON HILL V HEIDELBERG
SOUTH MELB. V CAULFIELD CITY
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS V ALTONA GATE
STATE LEAGUE — Sunday
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS V BULLEEN
ST ALBANS V MARIBYRNONG
CAULFIELD CITY V THOMASTOWN
NORTHCOTE CITY V GREEN GULLY
Sunday
CROYDON CITY V BOX HILL
FAWKNER V RINGWOOD CITY
SPRINGVALE C V MORWELL FALCONS
FRANKSTON P V ALTONA GATE
VICTORIAN LEAGUE
Division 1 — Saturday
DANDENONG V KNOX CITY
ESSENDON CITY V ALBION
SANDRINGHAM C V NUNAWADING C
OAKLEIGH V MORDIALLOC
MOOROOLBARK V WERRIBEE
WESTGARE V DOVETON
Sunday
WESTERN SUBURBS V BROADMEADOWS CITY
VICTORIAN LEAGUE
Division 2 — Saturday
GEELONG V BRIGHTON
KEILOR V CLIFTON HILL
RINGWOOD UN V PORT MELB.
YARRAVILLE V DONCASTER ROVERS
HEIDELBERG CITY V COBURG
RICHMOND V SUNBURY UN
WAVERLEY CITY V NORTH GEELONG
Division 3 — Saturday
CHELSEA V BELL PARK
HOLLAND PARK V YALLOURN
ELTHAM/DIAMOND VALLEY V MOORABBIN
MORNINGTON V CLARINDA
HAWTHORN V ALTONA CITY
CORIO/GEELONG UTD V LALOR UN
SPRINGV UN V SEAFORD UTD
Division 4 — Saturday
BORONIA V BENTLEIGH GREENS
KEYSBOROUGH V E. BRUNS/IVANHOE
WILLIAMSTONE V LANGWARRIN
KARINGAL UN V PASCOE VALE
MORELAND PARK RANGERS V ROSANNA
CLAYTON V HAMLYN RANGERS
REGENT V FERNTREE GULLY
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Division 1 — Saturday
MALVERN CITY V SPRINGV CONDORS
NORTH SUNSHINE V OAKLEIGH SUBURBS
BRUNSWICK CITY V WESTMEADOWS
WESTVALE V SOUTH YARRA
WAVERLEY UNITED V MELTON
BERWICK CITY V MOSSFIEL RANGERS
EAST GEELONG V PRAHRAN
Division 2 — Saturday
CRANBOURNE V MONASH UNIVERSITY
GLENROY V SOUTH DANDENONG
BRINTONS V ALTONA EAST
PORT UNITED V BALLARAT
SOUTH SPRINGVALE V ASCOT ST MARKS
UNI OF MELBOURNE V LALOR
FOREST HILL V FRANKSTON UNITED
Division 3 — Saturday
RINGWOOD ROVERS V MONBULK
CARRUM UNITED V KEW EAGLES
LYNDALE UNITED V MEADOW PARK
ALTONA UNITED V BATMAN UNITED
FITZROY CITY V BRANDON PARK
WANTIRNA V NORTH CLAYTON
RIVERSDALE V MITCHAM UNITED
AMATEUR LEAGUE
Division 1 — Sunday
EAST RICHMOND V LATROBE UNI
BALWYN CITY V OAKLEIGH UNITED
NORTHERN UNITED V KEILOR UNITED
PHILLIP INSTITUTE V COLLINGWOOD CITY
DIGGERS REST V HAWTHORN UNITED
Division 2 — Sunday
OLD SCOTCH V YARRA UNITED
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY V CONCORDE
ENDEAVOUR HILLS V MACCABI
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SCOTLAND'S youth soccer star Brian O'Neil suffered the heartache of a double-penalty miss as Saudi Arabia battled back from the brink of defeat to win the world Under-16 championship in front of over 50,000 people in Glasbow on Saturday.

The Saudis, who trailed 2-0 at half-time and then had Abdullah Al-Hamdi sent off six minutes from the end of normal time, forced the extra period of 20 minutes before capturing the JVC Cup 5-4 in a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

But the sympathies of the massive 51,674 crowd were with O'Neil, Scotland's match-winner in the semi-final against Portugal.

With the score at 2-1 and only 18 minutes left, the Celtic youngster saw his weak penalty saved.

That inspired Saudi Arabia to equalise four minutes later and force extra time, which produced no further goals.

the sides then went into a penalty decider and, with the score standing at 4-4 after five spotkicks apiece, O'Neil effort was again blocked by keeper Mohammad Al-Deayea.

It was a thrilling climax to a tremendous final at the end of an equally exciting tournament over the past two weeks.

For a long time it seemed that Scotland was destined to win its first world title on its own soil.

It seemed that the match was over, until the Saudis began to realise their pace could worry the Scots.

Nine minutes into the second half Sulaiman Al-Reshoudi struck a fine gial to create panic in the Scottish defence and it was no surprise when Waleed Al-Terair equalised in the 66th minute, just after O'Neil's first penalty miss.

His second allowed Galem Al-Alwi to make Saudi Arabia the third winners of the event.

Manfield Bunney League Cup — Round 2, Sunday — kick-off all games 2 pm.

Altona Ilinden v Australian Airlines, ANZ Bank v Eltham & Diamond Valley, Melbourne Rumania v Northcote United, Flamingo v Bayside ATA, Thomastown v St Albans Dynamo, Tottenham v Laminex, Footscray United v Bowater, Springv Eagles v Altona North Tarxien, Alexander the Great v Nippondenso, Sunshine Macedonia v Flemington Florida, Northern Timorese v Highpoint, Middle Park v Epping Thistle, Montrose v Leros United, Glenroy Doxa Un. v Kings Park Heights, Altona Heights v Middle East, Oakleigh City v Ardeer.

Mansfield Bunney Invitation Cup — Round One, Sunday. Kick-off all games 11.30 am.

Coomoora Spiders v Hampton Park Un, Cretan Athletic v Thomastown Un, Bayside ATA v Middle East, Middle Park v Flemington Florida, Rowville Un. v Keysborough Blue Danube, Swinburne v Springvale Eagles, Highpoint v Fibremakers Un., Tottenham v Footscray Un, Montrose v Berwick Un, Melbourne Pumas v Apollo United, Australian Airlines v North Dandenong Sparrows, Dandenong Un v Elwood Un, Harambee v Melb. Rumania, Oakleigh City v Windsor, Flamingo v Glenroy Doxa United.

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